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PEIPING TALKS ON

Govt Mission Seeks Cease-Fire, Multi-Party Meeting

REDS MENACE HANKOW

Nanking, April 3.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Ho Ying-chin are in constant telegraphic and radio telephonic contact with the government peace delegation on their preliminary discussions with the Communists, it was learned today.

Details of the delegation's reports to Nanking were kept strictly secret and newspapers are resorting to speculation on the nature of the discussions.

The official Central Daily News said the delegation opened negotiations with proposals for a cease-fire and convocation of a multi-party political consultation conference but this report drew an indirect denial from official circles.

An official source said the preliminary discussions at present were devoted to hammering out an agenda and procedure of negotiations and have not yet reached a concrete stage.

The Government's request for the freezing of military operations was lent urgency by a new upsurge in Red offensive actions.

The military news agency said Manchurian units of Communist General Lin Piao's command are attacking the important rail town of Sinyang, 110 miles North of Hankow. The official agency also claimed Red troops have been beaten off with severe casualties in their attack on Huayuan, 45 miles North of Hankow.

The Nationalist garrison was officially reported still holding Anking, temporary provincial capital of Anhwei, 150 miles South West of Nanking. The Government claims the Reds have already lost 8,000 troops in their offensive on the city, which was reportedly ordered taken by April 2.

The Nationalists are particularly anxious to hold Anking. The Yangtze River port controls the channel which under Red guns could easily block all river traffic between Nanking and Hankow.

To Patrol River

Chinese reports today said beginning Tuesday two warships will be assigned to convoy merchant shipping between the Yangtse River ports of Wuhu and Anking, 55 and 145 miles respectively South West of Nanking. Naval protection was necessary because of the frequent Communist attacks on ships, said the report.

Nationalist planes were today bombing and strafing Communist positions North of the Kwachow bridgehead opposite Chinkiang, 40 miles East of Nanking on the Yangtze River, messages from Chinkiang reported.

Nationalist military sources said Communist troops are continuing their efforts to mop up smaller bridgeheads elsewhere on the North bank of the Yangtze. The semi-official Central Daily News said large Communist concentrations under General Chen Yi are continuing their preparation to cross the Yangtze at Yangchow, about 43 miles North East of Nanking.

The Government was still having trouble from another direction —university students in Nanking. The official Central News Agency reported that one student died last night in hospital as a result of injuries sustained in two clashes between soldiers and demonstrating students last Friday.

Student Riots

Meanwhile, the student uprisings which broke out in Nanking on April 1, when the peace delegation left for Peiping, appears to have broken out in Shanghai.

Three hundred student delegates of various Shanghai schools met late yesterday, and amid singing and shouting of slogans decided to declare a city-wide classroom strike and to stage a public demonstration. However, the date for the demonstration appears to have not been set.

Qualified neutral observers in Nanking today said that Chinese Communists dealt the Kuomintang Government what was probably the most serious psychological blow so far when their Chairman, Mao Tse-tung, last night told Nationalist officials that "they will be welcome to work by us no matter who they are."

Mao's broadcast statement may set at rest lurking fears in the minds of many Kuomintang minor officials about what may happened to them if the Communists took over all China, these observers said. The statement might also immeasurably increase Nationalist popular lethargy towards further resistance to the Communists and increase the prospects of more "piecemeal peace" on the Peiping pattern unless it is quickly and effectively countered by the Ho Ying-chin Government, they said.

A government spokesman said today Premier Ho Ying-chin and his Cabinet have decided to continue maintaining the seat of the Chinese government in Canton.

Seat Of Gov't

The seat of the Nationalist government was transferred formally to Canton on February 5. Most Foreign Embassies and Legations assigned missions to follow the Chinese Foreign Office there.

The spokesman said Cabinet members would remain in Nanking "for the time being to assist in handling problems of a political character. Routine matters of various executive ministeries will continue to the transacted in Canton."

An increasing number of students, former government officials and private individuals was today reported to be leaving Communist-held North China for South China in what was described as an "I Chose Freedom" pilgrimage.

There is no reliable estimate of how many have already arrived or are en route to Nationalist China but competent circles said about 1,500 students have arrived at Tsingtao, Shanghai, Canton and other places.

Chinese reports said Shanghai alumni associations of North China universities such as Dr. Hu Shih's National Peking University are planning the establishment of reception camps for refugee professors and students.

Opposed To Pacific Pact

Shanghai, April 3.

Strong opposition to the proposal for a Pacific pact was voiced today by a group of 32 well-known university and college professors, led by the out spoken Legislative Yuan member Liu Pa-tung, in a joint declaration addressed to the world on the occasion of the signing of the Atlantic Pact in Washington on Monday.

Strongly attacking the Atlantic Pact as a stimulant of war feelings the manifesto said, "For the sake of peace in China and for the welfare and security of the entire human race we strongly oppose any Pacific pact bearing a similarity to the Atlantic Pact."

The professors concluded by hoping that world leaders, especially Truman, Stalin and Attlee, would meet shortly to discuss principles for the establishment of lasting peace.—Reuter.

India's Stand On C'wealth

New Delhi, April 3.

The Indian Prime Minister believes that it was "just possible that the Commonwealth may be so shaped as to permit our continuance without compromising our independent status in any way.

"It is also possible that it may not be so," Pandit Nehru added. He told members of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee yesterday of his forthcoming London visit to discuss India's relationship with the Commonwealth.

He said: "I do not know what will be the outcome of the Prime Ministers' Conference, but it is definite we stand on our objectives to establish an independent republic in India.

"We are not going to compromise our independence in any shape or form. I am sometimes disturbed to find reports in newspapers that something had already been arranged between India and Britain so that India remains a part of the Commonwealth.

"There is no truth in such reports. Nothing has been decided and we are not keeping anything to ourselves."—Reuter.

Bandits Threaten To Blow Up Ships

Canton, April 3.

Pearl River piracy reached a new height of audacity when bandits threatened to blow up two motorships unless tribute was paid.

The ships are the Canadian-built motor vessels Shihmen and Chimen, owned by Ming Sung Industrial Company, Limited of Canton and Hong Kong.

The equivalent of US$6,000 is demanded, with April 4 set as the deadline for payment.

The company refuses to pay. It has asked for the protection of the authorities, both civil and military.

The extortion letter, received today, said, "If you do not pay, your ships will be blown up, like the Miss Orient."

This Miss Orient, a motor vessel, was blown up by a mine detonated by bandits six miles East of Canton on March 27, resultings in 36 known dead and more than 60 still missing and dozens of injured.

The authorities have intensified their river patrols and two river gunboats and one company of provincial troops are stationed in and and along the banks of the section of the river where ships are most vulnerable to attacks.

Despite the threats, the two ships departed late today for Hong Kong, fully loaded with passengers.—Associated Press.

ARMED ROBBERY IN KOWLOON

An armed robbery occurred at No. 5, Maple Street, ground floor, Kowloon at about 10.45 p.m. yesterday.

According to the report, three armed men entered the premises which were used as a tenement house and robbed the occupants of their valuables.

It's Nice And Cold Up North

A flight deck party removes ice and snow from the British aircraft carrier HMS Vengeance during her recently completed cruise in Arctic waters. With a number of British naval units to test reactions of men and equipment under conditions of extreme cold. Associated Press Photo.

Britain's New Budget Calls For Heavy Taxes

London, April 3.

Despite a £353,000,000 Treasury surplus, Britons expect to keep on paying heavy taxes under the new Budget to be unveiled in Parliament on Wednesday.

Public demand for tax relief may draw some concessions, but these are almost certain to be balanced by increases in other levies.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's austere economics director, has said he will keep on battling inflation with all the weapons used successfully in 1947 and 1948.

That means stiff taxes, price controls, subsidies for essential foods and farm products, and voluntary limitation of wages, profits and dividends. An announced object of the tax programme is to drain off enough money to keep income in line with available goods.

For weeks, prospective customers have been staying out of shops in the hope that Sir Stafford Cripps will cut purchase taxes. They range now from 33 1/3 per cent on such things as tailor-made suits up to 100 per cent on luxuries such as fur coats, fine silverware and jewellery.

The powerful Trades Union Congress, backbone of the Labour Government, demands that Sir Stafford cut some of these taxes and increase the list of exempt items.

Smokers and tobacco dealers alike want him to knock a little off cigarettes, too.

Some Relief?

Brewers and pub keepers, nothing a considerable drop in business recently, want beer duties cut.

Businessmen and financiers are crying for a cut in the 45 per cent tax on undistributed profits and an increase in exemptions for depreciation, or unkeep, of their plants.

Sir Stafford may have mild relief in store for all of them.

But it won't be much, if anything.

Sir Stafford holds two important posts in the Cabinet. He controls public finances as Chancellor of the Exchequer and controls Britain's drive for prosperity as Minister of Economic Affairs.

Twin Problems

His twin problems are to control inflation and promote investment to modernise the country's industry by the time the Marshall Plan ends in 1952.

The programmes are essentially contradictory. Investment turns more money loose in wage and other costs and helps promote inflation. Sir Stafford describes himself as a man on a tightrope.

The London "Times" thinks Sir Stafford may now propose a tax on gifts of money or property. Such gifts are held to allow the wealthy to avoid much of the burden of death duties which range up to 95 per cent.

He undoubtedly will budget again for a surplus.

Besides the ordinary expenditures of Government, the budget includes financing of considerable investments in housing and publicly-owned industries. The government also is subsidising reorganisation of some industries, notably cotton mills.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. Hong Kong Summer Time) the ridge of high pressure from the Siberian anti-cyclone continues to spread S and now covers most of China. From the low pressure area over N Indo-China a well developed trough extends E along the S China coast and thence NE to a vigorous and intensifying depression centred over SE Korea. This depression is expected to move NE across the sea of Japan. The ridge of high pressure to the E of Japan continues to move slowly E and is weakening.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate or fresh N or NE winds. Cloudy with patches of light rain or drizzle in early morning. Cooler.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 73.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 63.0 deg. Fah.
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Council Elections In UK

London, April 3.

Millions of Britons begin voting tomorrow (Monday) in county council elections which both major political parties consider as a key test for next year's general parliamentary elections.

Voting will continue daily until Saturday night to name 129 councillors in 68 county councils in England and Wales. In most cases the campaigns have been direct battles between Labour and Conservative candidates.

The climax of the week's balloting will come on Thursday when Londoners vote on the new London County Council. Labour at present has a 60 vote majority on the LCC.

In the last county council elections three years ago, the Labour Party won a majority in 11 councils while the Conservative gained 51 councils.

On of the major campaign issues has been housing, especially in war-blitzed London.—United Press.

WESTERN UNION MANOEUVRES

The Hague, April 2.

A squadron of Dutch Meteor jet fighters and an undisclosed number of Fireflies will take part in the Western Union fleet manoeuvres in June, it was authoritatively learned here today.—Reuter.

Six Ministers Resign From Burma's Cabinet

Rangoon, April 2.

Six members of the Burmese Prime Minister Thakin Nu's Cabinet resigned today as insurgent forces of the left wing "White Band" People's Volunteer Organisation were reported to be in control of the Northern bank of the river Irrawaddy opposite Rangoon.

The six Ministers—four Socialists and two "Yellow Band" People's Volunteer Organisation members, affiliated to the Socialist Party—included U Kyaw Nyein, the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister. Their resignations were accepted by the Premier, it was officially announced tonight.

The other Ministers were Thakin Tin, Minister of Agriculture and Forests, U Pyaw Myint, Minister of Industries and Mines, U Win, Minister of Education, Bo Hla Aye, Minister of Health and Public Works and Bo Sein, Minister without Portfolio.

The first four of these Ministers are Socialists. The other two belong to the "Yellow Band" PVO. Originally the PVO was the sole military organisation of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, of which Thakin Nu is president.

It split into two groups last summer. The majority, known as the "White Band," joined the "White Flag" Communist revolt against Thakin Nu's Government. The minority, which became known as the "Yellow Band," remained loyal to the AFPFL and the Government.

Today's resignations reduced Thakin Nu's Cabinet to 11 members.

"White Band" Re-Entry

Political sources believed the resignations would pave the way for the re-entry of "White Band" representatives into the Cabinet. They expected the Premier to announce a reconstituted Cabinet soon.

Tonight's Government report said "White Band" sentries had been posted in the village of Dalla, opposite Rangoon, from where Government forces yesterday withdrew after 200 insurgents had seized the police station.

Thakin Nu formed a Cabinet in January, 1948. In a major reshuffle in September, Kyaw Nyein joined as Foreign Minister. Several other resignations and appointments occurred at various times, and last January Thakin Nu himself tendered the Cabinet's resignation but remained in office.

At that time, Thakin Nu held separate discussions with Opposition leaders on the grave internal situation caused by the revolt of Karen tribesmen, "White Band" PVO members and other groups.

U Kyaw Nyein visited London last October, but rumours that he was seeking British military aid against the rebels were denied.—Reuter.

TO DEPORT USELESS ALIENS

Carreas, Venezuela, April 3.

The National Security authorities today announced that all foreigners who are not employed in work "useful to the country" will be deported.

The authorities said nearly 100 per cent of the country's bars, cafes and other "unwholesome" places were in the hands of foreigners who under law are not allowed to engage in such activities.—United Press.

War Minister Leads Coup In Costa Rica

San Jose, Costa Rica, April 3.

War Minister Edgar Cardona started a coup yesterday against the Costa Rican Military Junta headed by Jose Figueres.

One person was killed and several were wounded but the casualties may be higher. One unconfirmed report said a Figueres trooper killed several Cardona men.

Cardona's supporters seized the artillery barracks, where the Government stores arms, ammunition and heavy weapons.

President Figueres immediately took over the main strategic points in the city and is making the Pacific railroad depot his headquarters.

In San Francisco, Costa Rican Consul-General Mario Hernandez reported hearing a short-wave broadcast from the Figueres Government radio which said three of Cardona's men had been killed and the fighting was diminishing.

(This broadcast, Hernandez said, reported the Cardona forces had control of only one fort, although it is the largest artillery depot in the area. The fort is on the outskirts of San Jose. Tanks and armoured cars were used against the revolutionists, the broadcast said).

Ultimatum To President

(A dispatch from Guatemala said the revolutionists had seized at least two forts in San Jose. Another report from San Jose said commanders of three forts had given ultimatums to Figueres to turn the administration over to Otilio Ulate Blanco, President-elect. Last reports indicated there had been only scattered gunfire in the Costa Rican capital.)

Figueres took control of Costa Rica on May 8, 1948, as President of the military Junta, or Provisional Government, after two months of civil war. A few months later, he said he would demobilise Costa Rica's army of some 5,000 men because the country was at peace.

The demobilisation plan, however, was interrupted by last December invasion by rebels, who Figueres said, were based on Nicaragaunn soil. Just how many troops remain loyal to Figueres in the present fighting and how many rallied to Cardona was not immediately clear.

But Figueres and Ulate made broadcasts during the night from their headquarters in the Pacific railroad depot.

Ulate appealed to Cardona and his followers to stop fighting. He added that he believed the situation would return to normal within a few hours.

Figueres expressed sorrow over Cardona's act. He said he did not think the uprising could last more than a day.

There appeared to be little excitement in San Jose, with business going on much as usual.—Associated Press.

Ship Crew Accused Of 'Rebellion'

Philadelphia, April 2.

Owners of an American cargo vessel today charged in a United States district court that 25 members engaged in a "rebellion" to force the dismissal of a negro officer while the ship was en route to the Far East last January.

The Isbrandtsen Company filed a suit for a court order allowing it to deduct $10,646 from the wages of the 25 crew members, including two women.

The owners said the vessel, "Flying Arrow," was tied up for 14 hours in Manila and later for 57 hours in Singapore due to the crew's refusal to man the ship unless the negro officer was dismissed. The Flying Arrow docked in Philadelphia yesterday.

The suit accused the crew members, D. Beynon and Frank Cook, of being the "ring-leaders and agitators" who called a secret meeting of the crew in Manila last January 4th "to make false accusations" against Jean Brown, negro second engineer. The "unlawful scheme" was described in the suit as being "of a Communist nature."

The owners charged that the ring leaders used "intimidation and violence" to force other members to join with them in protesting against the presence of Brown.

When the American Consul in Manila dismissed the complaints as unfounded, the owners said, the 25 of 45 crew members refused to return to the ship for 14 hours. They said that in Singapore the same thing happened with the ship delayed for 57 hours.

The suit said that Brown did not perform his duties on the ship from January 17 when it left Singapore, until it reached the United States.—Press.

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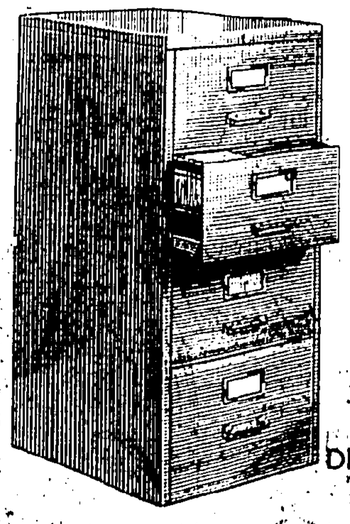

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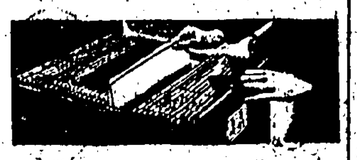

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MACARTHUR FEELS FAR EAST VITAL TOO

Tokyo, April 3.

General Douglas MacArthur, thus far silent regarding Mr. Harold Stassen's proposed "MacArthur Plan" for Asia, is known to feel that United States assistance to the Far East is as necessary and vital to world peace as the European recovery programme.

In his public statements and conversations with correspondents, General MacArthur has made it clear that he believes the situation in the Far East today is part of a global situation which should be considered in its entirety in the orientation of American policy.

The Supreme Commander believes that fragmentary decision in disconnected sectors of the world will not bring the solution the people of America desire.

There is a strong belief here that General MacArthur could be drafted to co-ordinate a new American assistance for Asia, carrying out the duties in addition to the job as Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

As observers here see the task, the first step would be to formulate a programme for co-operation between the Far Eastern nations which could be carried out in connection with whatever American assistance might be forthcoming.

Some quarters believe any assistance would be of secondary nature and that the real value of a new programme would be in developing a definite working scheme to get Far Eastern countries pulling together in the interest of helping themselves as much as possible.

Ideal Co-ordination

For this task, many observers say, General Mac-Arthur would be the ideal co-ordinator because he commands confidence and respect of the Far Eastern peoples.

General MacArthur's closest associates are being very cautious in discussing Mr. Stassen's "MacArthur Plan for Asia" and this is interpreted here as meaning the whole question is under study and the general's views with respect to his particular suggestion are being closely re-examined by his advisers.

The Supreme Commander has made it clear that he considered "it would be utterly fallacious to underrate either China's needs or her importance" and he has said. "If we embark upon a general policy to bulwark the frontiers of freedom against assaults of political despotism, one major frontier is no less important than another, and a decisive breach o' any will inevitably threaten to engulf all."

General MacArthur believes that people in the United States, because of deep rooted racial and cultural and business ties, are prone to "over-concentrate" on Europe and to "under-emphasise" happenings in the areas west of the United States.

While General MacArthur does not think America should concentrate on Europe and put all eggs in one basket, the Allied Supreme Commander thinks Americans must take care to avoid making too many commitments and must avoid obligations which will constitute too great a drain on American resources. — United Press.

Reminders

Today

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Crown Land auction, PWD office, 3 p.m.

Exhibition of Chinese Calligraphy, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.

Exhibition of drawings, paintings and engravings, Fung Ping Shan Library 10 a.m.

Lecture on Dutch Painting, by the Rev. Fr. T. Ryan, PRO Lecture Room, 5.30 p.m.

Australians and New Zealanders meeting at Cosmo Club, to discuss Anzac Day arrangements, 5.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of HK Angling Society, SCM Post Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Bridge and Mahjong Drive by Women's Auxiliary, HKSPC, Peninsula Hotel, 7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Tennis Exhibition matches at HKCC, Chater Road, 4.15 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "The Oldest railway in the world" by Mr. C.S. Johnston, Roof Garden, HK Hotel. 12.30 p.m.

Licensing Board meeting, CSO, Council Chamber, 4 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Cocktail party by HKFA for Singapore Combined Services Soccer XI, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Talk by Air Commodore A.D. Davis European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

Toc H Club meeting Talbot House, 50, Macdonnel Road, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Gramophone Recital by Music Group of Sino-British Club, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

Social Morning, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

SINO-SOVIET TREATY ON SINKIANG READY

Shanghai, April 3.

A source with Soviet connections, in an interview with the United Press said today that a new commercial agreement, which the Russians are seeking from the Chinese Government in Sinkiang province, would start the flow of raw materials from China's North Western provinces into Soviet Russia and would result in reduced movement Eastward to coastal consumers and exporters.

The source said that a draft agreement of negotiations conducted in Tihwa in Sinkiang province has been completed and submitted to Moscow and Nanking.

The exact terms of the original draft have not been made public and little is known of the details, but the source said that in general the agreement calls for a 25-year extension of the Sino-Soviet aviation pact, giving the Soviet Union exclusive commercial airline privileges between Sinkiang and Russian terminals.

The agreement also provides for granting overland trade routes to the Russians further East and South East into areas not now tapped by Soviet purchasing missions. This would open up the flow of cotton and other agricultural products, minerals and other raw materials into Soviet Russia.

Once processed in Russian mills and plants, these finished goods, to some extent, would be reimported into North West and Western provinces for resale in China.

Minerals And Petroleum

Contrary to other reports, this source said, the question of granting mineral exploration and petroleum search rights was not included in the Russian presentation.

The source said that in return for the concessions made by the Chinese, the Russians promised to open borders into Russia, which are now closed, for local inter-provincial commercial intercourse.

When it was first learned in January that negotiations were under way in Tihwa, it was reported that the Russians were seeking an agreement which would permit joint Sino-Soviet development in industrial and mineral resources, including petroleum, uranium, iron, gold and silver.

At that time, General Chang Chih-chung, in his capacity as Commander of the North West Area—now in Peiping as head of the Government's peace delegation—flew to Tihwa to open discussions which were carried out after his return to Nanking.

Details for drafting the agreement were left to technicians. No high diplomatic officials of either government took part, it was said.

It was also reported here that the delay in the departure from Moscow of Ambassador Fu Ping-chang to take up the portfolio of Foreign Ministry in Premier Ho Ying-chin's Cabinet may be traceable to negotiations in Moscow regarding the agreement. However, this could not be confirmed.

Inlng Tribesmen

Chinese officials reportedly saw benefits to a wider range of Chinese traders, businessmen and farmers through the localisation of buying and selling and across-border transactions.

In return for agreeing to the improved local trade conditions the Government was said to have received promises from Inlin tribesmen, who have long been a thorn to the provincial government, to abandon their anti-administration campaigns and co-operate in a general movement.

The Russian source, asked if the Soviet negotiations for a new long-term agreement with the Nationalist government might not be looked upon by the Chinese Communists as contrary to one of their peace conditions demanding the abrogation of "treaties of betrayal," said it was possible that the Chinese Reds might take that attitude. But he added that it would make no difference to the Russians. They would merely point to it as a fait accompli and "go right ahead."—United Press.

At Wah Yan's Bazaar

A bazaar was held by student of Wah Yan College, the Sacred Heart School, the French Convent, and other Catholic institutions at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, yesterday afternoon.

The proceeds of the bazaar will go to the Wah Yan Poor Boy's Club.

The stalls included the indispensable dart throwing, hoop-la, beer quoit, and numerous other novelties.

A bar on the ground floor provided soft drinks and tea.

People In Peiping Just Wait And See

Peiping, China's cultural heart and fabled city of many temples, today is changing in ways which would shock many who have known it in the past.

Mr. Andrew Roth, freelance American journalist who arrived here on Saturday with his wife, Tilley, aboard the ss. Esang via Tientsin, told the "China Mail" that most of the people in Peiping were still withholding judgment on the new Communist regime.

"The students are extremely enthusiastic—decidedly pro-Communist", he said. "But the middle classes and the masses appear to be just waiting to see what happens next."

Mr. Roth, who arrived in Peiping a short time before the Communists took over, left there about a week ago. He is one of the first foreign journalists to come out of Peiping since the city changed hands.

"On the whole, we received very good treatment", he declared. "There were no mass arrests in the city."

Though prices soared sky-high during the siege, he said, they gradually dropped under Communist control till the cost of living became quite cheap. Now it is considerably less expensive to live in Peiping than, for instance, in Shanghai.

Food Is Plentiful

"There is a great deal of food in all the markets", he said.

Before the Communists arrived, blackmarketeers kept such a stranglehold on supplies of rice and millet that prices rocketed and food disappeared. Some people, of course, laid in supplies before the siege—"enough for three months or so"—and are still coasting along on these. But there appears to be no shortage of food, nor any danger of one today.

On the surface life goes on much the same as before Mr. Roth said, with the Communists interfering very little in the lives of the people.

"For one thing, the 19th Gendarmerie went underground at the time the Communists entered the city. They've threatened to assassinate any Liberals or others collaborating with the Communists. This has probably made the Communists a little nervous", he explained.

There's a heavy guard around the hotel where Marshal Li Chai-sum, his associates and some of the Red leaders stay, Mr. Roth said.

Foreign correspondents and foreign diplomatic representatives probably have been made to feel more uncomfortable than anyone else, he continued. Foreign correspondents were forbidden to collect or file news and some thought their telephone lines had been tapped. There was also a suspicion that the diplomatic mails of certain countries might be examined secretly.

Vernacular newspapers have become Government organs pure and simple.

"The Communists believe that newspapers are not to inform but to teach", the journalist elaborated. "They are now a powerful instrument for the re-education of the people."

The Communists, never slow to indoctrinate the people under their control, have not wasted any time in Peiping. Slogans, parades and mass rallies form a part of everyday life—and a part whose effect already has become obvious.

The feeling against foreign intervention and American aid has grown noticeably in the past few weeks. Perhaps the simplest illustration of this is the following one offered by Mrs. Roth.

American Cigarettes

"During the siege people used to accept American cigarettes willingly, even gratefully—after a little polite protest, perhaps. But I offered them time and again during the last month and every single time they were turned down—politely, coolly and very firmly. The attitude seemed to be that they just didn't want to be indebted in any way to foreigners."

Mrs. Roth said that this attitude, strongest among the Red officials, was gradually spreading down even to shopkeepers.

Under the new system, too, bribery has decreased, according to Mrs. Roth. She attributed this partly to the improved economic conditions and partly to the new feeling of importance enjoyed by the little man. He goes to public "information centres" to ask any question that is bothering him and all his grievances are listened to and given consideration. Bribery seems to have decreased, as the possibility of being reported and investigated increased.

The keynote of Peiping's new economy, according to Mr. Roth, is 'production—over production. The object is to stimulate trade between the city and the rural areas, so that food and manufactured goods can flow freely back and forth.

Asked whether he thought the Communists in Peiping and Tientsin were much interested in foreign trade, Mr. Roth replied: "I think they are interested in trade—but on their own terms."

Mr. and Mrs. Roth are leaving for Manila on Tuesday. They will spend a short time there before revisiting Hong Kong on their way to Shanghai.

U.S. AVOIDING STAND ON ISSUE OF FRANCO

Washington, April 3.

The U.S. is reported to be avoiding a definite stand on the issue of Franco Spain which is due for consideration by the UN General Assembly.

The cautious attitude was made plain by diplomatic authorities following a meeting between the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and members of the American delegation to the Assembly.

The UN Assembly opens on Tuesday in New York.

Some delegates indicated they would be happy if the Spanish question does not come up at all at the Assembly. It was put on the UN agenda by Poland.

The United Nations voted a partial diplomatic boycott of Spain in censuring the Franco regime two years ago. Some Latin American countries want to restore Spain to international good standing and presumably they would propose this, should Poland and other Soviet bloc members press for stronger action against Franco.

The only official statement of the American position was given last October by the then Secretary of State, George Marshall. He said the UN censure resolution is out of date and forecast that while the U. S. would not take the lead, this country would approve any move to return Ambassadors to Madrid.

The full 10-member American delegation attended the preliminary briefing session except for the Assistant Secretary of State, Willard Thorpe, an alternate.

Aside from Spain, they considered the problem of disposing of Italy's foreign colonies and the treatment of Indians in South Africa.

Mr. Acheson plans to go New York by plane on Tuesday morning for the opening ceremonies and may visit later in the Assembly session.

He told the group the new Atlantic Pact would discourage efforts to sabotage the UN and might well start a current that would bring the UN to a high pinnacle of success.—Associated Press.

Life In England

Mr. A. Hollas, visiting member of the British Cotton Control Board, will address the Y's Men's Club at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, on Thursday at 12.45 p.m.

His subject will be "Life in England today."

On April 14, Mr. Wilfred Wong will give a talk on "Air Conditioning" and on April 28 Thursday Mr. J. G. O'Donnell will speak on "Civil Aviation."

The Y's Men's Ladies Night will take place on April 21 at the Chinese Bankers' Club, Bank of East Asia Building.

MRS. KATHLEEN GRANT DEAD

The death of Mrs. Kathleen Grant occurred yesterday at Queen Mary Hospital, where she had been under treatment for several months.

She was survived by her daughters Mrs. R. Miller (Hong Kong), Mrs. K. Cherry (Sydney) and Mrs. Merritt (Florida), and two grand-daughters and a grandson.

The funeral will take place today at 5 p.m. at the Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Grant was matron of the Mental Hospital, where she had served since her arrival here some 20 years ago.

RUSSIAN FREIGHTER ARRIVES IN HK

The Russian freighter Poltava, which was beached after a collision with a British steamer near Lyemun last year and left early this year after completing her repairs, arrived yesterday.

The speaker at the European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group on Wednesday April 6th at 8.45, will be Wing Commander A.D. Panton. The topic will be Air Photo Reconnaissance."

DISPUTE OVER CHINA CAUSES ERP DELAY

Washington, April 3.

A dispute over aiding China forced the U.S. Senate last night to postpone its final decision on the European aid bill until next week.

The squabble over China was started by Senator William Knowland, California Republican. He wanted to authorise President Truman to use an estimated US$54,000,000 in unexpended China aid funds to help areas of China thus far not overrun by the Communists.

Senator Elbert Thomas, Utah Democrat, a former Mormon missionary to the Orient, objected strongly. He said adoption of Mr. Knowland's plan would be "an open invitation to mob violence on the part of hungry Chinese — it might stir up and reopen all the kinds of disorders we are trying to avoid."

He asked Mr. Kowland to consider the position of aid offerings in China with tons of food which were to be denied nearby starving persons because they were in an area designated Communist-dominated.

"This would cause the worst kind of disorder we have seen," Mr. Thomas said.

Chairman Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, of the Foreign Relations Committee, also questioned Mr. Knowland's proposal. When Mr. Knowland said that this country's tactics in China are giving the Communists a chance to put China's millions behind the iron curtain, Mr. Connally shouted: "Everytime you hear a bush rattle, there is a Communist behind it."

Heated Reply

Mr. Knowland replied heatedly that the he was representing California, which is vitally interested in what happens in China.

The objections by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Connally blocked action on the proposal before Monday, when the Senate resumes the debate after a week-end adjournment. A stock of two dozen amendments awaited action.

On the showdown, it appeared highly like that the Truman administration will get the entire US$3,580,000,000 authorisation it has asked. Two attempts to reduce it were defeated on Friday night.

It was the eve of the first birthday of the Eighth European Recovery effort to stop Communism. And Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Director, in an anniversary report struck a blow for continuing the effort at full speed.

No Complacency

"The emergency is not over," he said, "and we must not be complacent now—it is not smart to sit down in the middle of a fight."

His report showed that Western Europe's output is up, exports expanded, trade deficit lowered and inflation slowed. He stressed peace hopes through unity of the 19 nations benefiting.

Mr. Hoffman reported that about US$50,000,000 of aid funds remain—enough to last about four days at the Economic Co-operation Administration's first year spending rates. Congress provided US$5,055,000,000 the first year.

He said European exports last year rose 21 per cent over 1947 totals. Industrial production is up the 1938 levels and—except for ravaged Germany—Europe is 14 per cent above the pre-war level. —Associated Press.

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Wolves Win In FA Cup Replay

London, April 2.

Wolverhampton Wanderers today won through to the final of the English FA Cup competition when a goal by Sammy Smyth, the Irish international inside forward, five minutes from time, enabled them to beat Manchester United, the holders, in the semi-final replay.

Seventy-two thousand spectators paid £16,500 to witness the battle on Everton's ground in Liverpool. The Wolves will now clash with Leicester City in the final at Wembley on April 30.

Full credit goes to the gallant Wolves. Forced to field reserve full backs, they recovered from a shaky start and completely mastered their rivals, who were but a pale shadow of the team which won the prized trophy last year.

Alfred Crook, one of the Wolves' backs, had never before appeared in the first team, except for wartime games, and only three weeks ago was playing in the third eleven. Like his brother, Billy Crook, Wolves' right half, Alfred is a part time professional.

Both he and Thorpe, the other full back, were told only an hour before the match that they were included in the team. Both played a brilliant part in their side's victory.

Wolverhampton thus enter their seventh Cup final. They last won the Cup in 1908. They were beaten by Portsmouth in the 1939 final, but will be hot favourites to carry off the trophy this time.

Meanwhile, Leicester City underwent a disheartening experience in their drawn home Second Division League match with Grimsby, which may result in Megraw, their Scottish goalkeeper, missing the big Wembley game.

Six minutes after the start Megraw was taken from the field to hospital and was found to have fractured and dislocated a little finger, which was also stitched. He returned and played on the right wing, but Leicester's troubles did not end there. The left back, Scott, also had to have stitches inserted in a wound.

The left half, King, sustained concussion and the outside left, Adam, an elbow injury. The Grimsby centre forward, Briggs, was also injured. For Leicester, struggling in the relegation zone, it was too unfortunate.

Southampton, the Second Division leaders, suffered a bad blow. Their little centre forward, Charlie Wayman, leading scorer in the Division, pulled a thigh muscle badly and, according to the team's manager, may be out of the game for the rest of the season.

Wayman was the hero of Southampton's great victory over Tottenham in London. Although limping on the left wing he managed to score the only goal of the match six minutes from time. The only consolation to Tottenham, who now appear to be out of the promotion hunt, was that the attendance of nearly 70,000 was their best of the season.

Southampton are now eight points clear of their most dangerous rivals, Fulham and West Bromwich.

In the premier division, Portsmouth showed a return to return to form following last week's Cup disaster, although they were given a shock by Liverpool.

Portsmouth led by two clear goals at the interval, but Liverpool rallied and lost only by the odd goal of five.

Newcastle, playing with great thrust and enthusiasm, outplayed Blackpool. Jackie Milburn, their England centre forward, was in brilliant form and scored in each half. Newcastle thus remain three points behind Portsmouth, and it appears almost certain that the championship will go to one of these two clubs, for their closest rivals are well behind.

Huddersfield Town, swamped 5-0 at Chelsea, went to the foot of the table, but the relegation fight is still very open.

Preston and Middlesbrough, immediately above Huddersfield, both gained good victories. Tom Finney, the England winger, cracked in one of Preston's goals against Sheffield United, who are now fourth from the bottom with three points more than Huddersfield.

One of the biggest surprises of the day occurred at Swansea, where the Third Division South leaders lost their 100 per cent home record, as a result of a draw with Southend, one from the bottom in the table. But Swansea still lead by seven clear points.

In the Northern Section, Hull and Rotherham appear to be feeling the effects of their grim promotion struggle. Both won, but neither showed convincing form.

One of Hull's goals was scored by their Danish forward, Charley Vaughan.

In Scotland, some League marksmen enjoyed a grand time. Five goals were scored in eight minutes in the Lanark-Dundee game and five came in 12 minutes while Hearts routed Albion.

Another scoring highlight was provided by Rangers' Thornton, who headed in two goals against Queen of the South.

With Hibernian again beaten, the leadership in the "A" Division now rests between Dundee and Rangers.—Reuter.

Home League Tables

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	33	20	8	5	63	30	48
Newcastle	34	18	9	7	61	43	45
Derby	33	16	8	9	51	44	40
Charlton	36	15	10	10	57	51	40
Arsenal	34	14	10	10	61	38	38
Manchester C.	35	13	12	10	42	34	38
Manchester U.	30	14	9	7	58	31	37
Stoke	34	14	8	12	56	53	36
Wolves	31	13	8	10	62	40	34
Burnley	35	11	11	13	39	42	33
Liverpool	33	10	12	11	45	35	32
Chelsea	34	11	10	13	63	60	32
Birmingham	35	10	12	13	30	31	32
Blackpool	36	10	12	13	47	58	32
Bolton	34	13	6	15	52	57	32
Sunderland	34	10	12	12	42	54	32
Villa	34	12	6	16	51	71	30
Everton	33	11	7	17	35	59	29
Sheffield U.	34	10	7	17	51	64	27
Middlesboro	33	9	8	16	36	47	26
Preston	34	8	9	17	52	66	25
Huddersfield	33	8	8	17	31	69	24

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Southampton	35	22	7	6	67	30	51
Fulham	34	18	7	9	61	33	43
W. B. A.	33	18	7	8	55	35	43
Spurs	35	14	13	8	55	34	41
Cardiff	34	15	10	9	50	41	40
West Ham	34	15	8	11	47	45	38
Chesterfield	35	12	13	10	46	42	37
Sheffield W.	34	14	8	12	56	49	36
Luton	34	12	11	11	44	46	35
Leeds U.	35	11	11	13	53	56	33
Bury	33	14	5	14	53	61	33
Coventry	35	13	6	16	50	54	32
Queen's P. R.	35	12	8	15	36	53	32
Grimsby	34	11	9	14	60	64	31
Bradford	34	11	9	14	55	61	31
Plymouth	34	11	9	14	39	48	31
Barnsley	34	9	12	13	40	52	30
Brentford	33	10	10	13	34	39	30
Blackburn	35	11	7	17	40	56	29
Leicester	31	7	13	11	50	59	27
Lincoln	36	7	11	18	40	80	26
Notts F.	35	9	6	20	35	48	24

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Hull	31	21	8	2	68	20	50
Rotherham	34	23	4	7	77	40	50
Doncaster	34	17	8	9	47	30	42
Darlington	35	18	4	13	74	61	40
Stockport	34	14	10	10	50	42	38
Wrexham	36	15	7	13	50	53	37
Gateshead	33	14	8	11	59	46	36
York C.	34	14	7	13	67	57	35
Oldham	32	15	5	12	58	53	35
Tranmere	34	12	11	11	39	45	35
Barrow	33	11	12	10	36	33	34
Rochdale	35	13	7	15	46	47	33
Crewe	33	13	7	13	46	60	33
Mansfield	34	10	12	12	44	44	32
Carlisle	34	12	8	14	52	69	32
Hartlepools	36	11	9	16	39	52	31
Chester	35	9	12	14	42	42	30
Accrington	35	10	7	18	42	64	27
Halifax	34	9	9	16	38	53	27
New Brighton	34	9	7	18	32	41	25
Bradford C.	34	8	8	18	38	60	24
Southport	33	6	8	20	32	46	18

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Swansea	34	21	7	6	70	29	49
Bournemouth	35	18	6	11	60	39	42
Reading	33	20	2	11	63	42	42
Bristol R.	35	17	8	10	48	41	42
Brighton	35	13	15	7	41	43	41
Notts C.	35	18	4	13	94	53	40
Ipswich	34	17	6	11	68	50	40
Swindon	34	16	10	9	54	61	40
Norwich	35	15	9	11	61	39	39
Millwall	35	14	9	12	54	53	37
Walsall	33	14	7	12	60	49	35
Torquay	34	11	10	13	44	65	32
Port Vale	35	11	9	15	40	45	31
Exeter	34	11	9	14	47	65	31
Newport	31	11	8	12	60	70	30
Orient	34	10	8	16	49	64	28
Bristol C.	33	9	10	14	34	51	28
Northampton	35	10	7	18	46	63	27
Aldershot	33	8	9	16	36	47	25
Watford	35	6	13	16	32	49	25
Southend	33	5	14	14	27	39	24
Palace	35	6	10	19	31	65	22

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"A"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Dundee	24	16	4	4	56	36	36
Rangers	24	15	5	4	49	27	35
Hibernians	26	14	6	7	64	47	33
East Fife	25	14	2	9	53	37	30
St. Mirren	27	13	4	10	49	36	30
Queen of S.	28	11	8	9	46	45	30
Falkirk	26	11	7	8	63	49	29
Celtic	27	11	7	9	44	33	29
Hearts	26	11	5	10	57	35	27
Partick T.	26	8	8	10	48	56	24
Third Lanark	26	9	5	12	45	47	23
Motherwell	25	9	3	13	37	49	21
Clyde	26	8	4	14	45	62	20
Aberdeen	26	6	8	12	33	45	20
Morton	25	6	6	13	32	45	18
Albion R.	25	3	2	20	26	78	8

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"B"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Stirling A.	30	20	2	8	71	47	42
Dunfermline	29	16	9	4	76	53	41
Airdrie	28	15	9	4	75	41	39
Raith R.	26	16	2	8	71	41	34
St. Johnstone	29	15	4	10	65	48	34
Queen's Park	28	13	6	9	65	47	32
Arbroath	27	11	8	8	61	55	30
Ayr	29	10	7	12	49	61	27
Dundee U.	28	10	5	13	58	66	25
Kilmarnock	30	9	7	14	58	61	25
Hamilton A.	27	9	6	12	47	55	24
Stenhousemuir	26	8	7	13	53	47	23
Alloa	27	9	3	15	38	77	21
Dumbarton	28	7	6	15	47	75	20
Cowdenbeath	28	8	4	16	44	58	20
East Stirling	27	5	9	16	37	65	19

HK-Saigon Doubles Match

Action picture taken at the match between Saigon and Hong Kong 'Doubles' yesterday at CRC where the latter defeated the former by 2—0. Picture shows Van Sau striking the ball hard, while Mr. Duong is on guard by the net.—("China Mail" photo)

HK Victorious In Exhibition Tennis

Hong Kong came out victorious by three matches to two in their first series of exhibition matches with Saigon, when they won two out of the three games played at the CRC yesterday.

The second series will be played on the Cricket Club Lawn courts on Wednesday and Thursday. R. Rubuc, the sixth ranking French player, is expected to arrive today and to participate in these games.

Yesterday's games produced tennis of a high order. The huge crowd that turned out to see a marathon duel between the Colony's Singles champion, Ip Koon-hong and the French Indo-China No. 1 player Van Sau had their expectations amply fulfilled.

Although it went to only two sets, the 64-minute match was crowded with sparkling rallies of all-round strokes on both sides all the way.

Van Sau's mastery of court-craft stood him in good stead in the first set and was unlucky not to win it, when holding match game on his service at 5-4, and 6-5. His uncanny anticipations pulled him out of many awkward positions, and enabled him to deal with Ip's otherwise irretrievable drives.

Ip Koon-hung's forceful all-round strokes earned him another superb win to his credit. His perfect-length drives to both flanks time and again forced the visiting champion into lob returns which his devastating overhead smashes set to work in unrelentless fashion. Drive returns by the Saigon player were met with volleys while half-court drives found Ip exploiting his deadly drop shots.

The first game of the evening saw a different Duong taking the court against Tsui Yun-pui. The Saigon player was steadiness personified, and was taking no chances with his strokes, keeping the balls safely within the court.

Long Rallies

As a result a number of long rallies featured the game, all of which were directed mainly to the mid-court. Duong's better forehand cross drives, greater steadiness and speed turned the tide in his favour.

Duong easily won in two straight sets 6-1, 6-2.

The Ip—Van Sau match began in dramatic fashion. Taking the service, Ip lost no time in forcing the pace. Rushing up to the net on his first two services, he met the returns with an overhead and a half-volley drop to lead 30-0. He netted the return, and Van Sau followed suit to his next service. A greased-lighting forehand drive by Ip along the line left Van Sau standing for the end of the first game.

Both began to warm up and the rallies became longer. After four deuces were called, Ip netted a backhand cut and a drop shot to let Van Sau even up 1-1.

Ip carried through his service after three deuces, when a deep drive to Van Sau's backhand forced him to hit out, and a backhand drive along the line passed him.

Van Sau kept up with the cracking pace set by Ip and went to a 40-15 lead, but Ip came back with overhead smashes to force the game to deuce. This went in and out four times, until Van Sau managed to pass Ip with a passing drive and a volley.

A Series Of Errors

With the score 2-2, Ip fell into a series of errors and conceded his service game to the Saigon player.

The best rally of the evening marked the beginning of the sixth game. Drives and volleys were exchanged with lightning rapidity, and the ball went right past Ip to the forehand corner. Ip, already well out of position, ran up to it and slammed it right across to the opposite corner to the consternation of his opponent. In a similiar irresistible mood he went to capture Van Sau's service to love, making the score 3-3.

Each then lost his service as the score increased alternately to 6-6 in mounting intensity of excitement.

The 13th game saw Ip in some deadly overhead smashes to hold on to his service. The next game went to two deuces before a Double fault by Van Sau gave the first set to Ip.

With deep forehand cross drives and drop shots, Ip carried the score to 4-1 in the second set. Van Sau gamely stuck to his service game in the sixth after being forced to deuce, but Ip was now controlling the game with his top-spin services which Van Sau was trying to take with his forehand. Ip went on to 5-2, lost the eighth game and captured the ninth for set and match.

The Doubles encounter between Duong—Van Sau and Ip—Tsui Wai-pui, was also a close affair. Ip and Tsui won by 7-5 and 6-4.

FULL SCORES

Duong beat Tsui Yun-pui, 6-1, 6-2.

K. H. Ip beat Van Sau, 8-6, 6-3.

K. H. Ip and Tsui Wai-pui beat Duong and Van Sau, 7-5, 6-4.—Reuter.

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

London, April 2.

Today's Rugger results:—

Rugby League Cup semi-finals—Bradford Northern 10 Barrow 0; Halifax 11 Huddersfield 10.

Club Matches—Batley 23 Hull Kingston Rovers 10; Bellevue Rangers 8 Oldham 12; Castleford 30 Whitehaven 3; Featherstone Rovers 14 Liverpool Stanley 5; Hunslet 8 Wakefield Trinity 5; Keighley 13 Bramley 3; Leeds 14 York 8; Leigh 20 Wigan 15; Rochdale Hornets 12 Hull 2; Salford 2 Warrington 18; Workington Town 19 Widnes 0.

Rugby Union: Blackheath 24 United Services Portsmouth 12; Harlequins 9 London Welsh 9; Old Alleynians 16 Old Leysians 6; Old Cranleighans 0 Old Paulines 6; Richmond 0 Guy's Hospital 5; St. Mary's Hospital 9 Rosslyn Park 8; Wasps 18 Oxford 3; Aberavon 0 Maesteg 0; Aldershot Services 3 Old Blues 3; Bath 5 London Scottish 17; Bedford 24 Headingley 3; Birkenhead Park 11 Leicester 6; Bristol 11 Exeter 0; Cardiff 0 Swansea 0; Coventry 22 Sale 8; Cross Keys 0 Bridgend 3; Ebbw Vale 3 Devonport Services 0; Huddersfield 10 Bradford 11; Llanelly 9 Gloucester 0; Neath 14 Abertillery 6; Northampton 30 Moseley 8; Notts 6 London Irish 17; Penarth 3 Mountain Ash 3; Penzance and Newlyn 5 London Hospital 5; Plymouth Albion 0 Newport 6; Pontypool 17 Western-super-mare 3; Taunton 5 Torquay Athletic 8; Glasgow Academicals 11; Manchester 6 Broughton Park 11; Birmingham 5 Cheltenham 0; Saracens 5 Old Dunstonians 0; Catford Bridge 20 Middlesex Hospital 6; Barnstaple 23 Royal Naval Engineering College (Devonport) 0; Munster 6 Royal Air Force 3; Menilworth 12 Derby 8.—Reuter.

Attlee On Anniversary

London, April 3.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told President Truman in a message on the first anniversary of Marshall aid that Western Europe's economic scene had been transformed in the past year to a degree that must astonish everyone.

"A year has now gone by since you signed the Foreign Assistance Act of 1948, and gave us hope and help when we most needed it. In these 12 months, nineteen free nations and territories, joining in the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, have embarked on a co-operative effort which is without precedent in times of peace."

Mr. Attlee went on to say that the astonishing progress during the past 12 months had been accomplished because of the generosity and farsightedness of the people and Government of the United States.

"Without their help the achievements of the year wouldn't have been possible nor would Europe now have the confidence to go forward to grapple with the great tasks which yet remain to be fulfilled.

"On this anniversary—so pregnant for the peace of civilisation—we send you and to the American people our heartfelt thanks."—Reuter.

GREAT WISDOM NEEDED IN PAKISTAN PROTEST

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Glorious weather greeted the Inter-Hong Softball League yesterday when Mrs. Carmen Molthen tossed the first ball to inaugurate the loop with a three game fixture in which Stanvac succumbed 13-9 to a powerful Gibbs outfit.

APL Eagles snatched the game out of the fire with a last inning rally to nose out the Musicians 13-12 while Shell breezed through with a 14-4 triumph over Caltex in the night-cap.

Pakistan's protest on the ineligibility of a player on the victorious Portuguese team in the recent International, received a brief hearing by the General Committee on Saturday.

Charlie Figueiredo and Senior Markar represented Portugal and Pakistan, respectively, and the meeting was presided over by Prexy Molthen.

Other Committee members present were Miss Alice Mar, Messrs. Philo Remedios, Buster Hollands, Dennis Sequiera, and Al Smith.

Hon. Secretary Tony Ribeiro did not arrive in time for the meeting and in the absence of the necessary documentary evidence, the Association decided to postpone the meeting for a week for further investigation into certain matters.

"Before arriving at this decision, the General Committee had a short discussion in camera.

The Association will require more than Solomon's wisdom to settle the protest, as apparently Pakistan seem to be right if their protest is based on a technicality.

On the other hand Portugal acquired the right to the title on the field of play, and if one or both sides did not have their strongest nine on the field on that day, that has no bearing on the case.

Other Angles

There are also other angles to the dispute. The penalty against the offending team is forfeiture (Rule 33 Sec. 7) and again we inquire whether Pakistan would accept victory under those conditions?

A re-play can only be granted if the protesting party had knowledge of the player's ineligibility before the start of the game, and as the protesting party has since declared ignorance of this fact (as a result of which they could not protest at the time the infringement occurred), a re-play is out of the question.

The writer does not intend to pinch-hit for either side and it would have been a good thing to think that the squabble never arose but the inescapable fact remains that a protest has been lodged and must be heard.

Problem Of Land Reform

Washington, April 3.

The problem of what steps to take after land reform in China is a major question facing the Rural Reconstruction Commission of the Economic Co-operation Administration.

The commission will attempt to find the answer between now and February 10, 1950.

"The products of the land simply are not sufficient to support the large numbers of people attempting to live on it," says Dr. Raymond T. Moyer, American member of the ECA Rural Reconstruction Commission.

Dr. Moyer is here planning the commission budget and work programme for the coming 10 months.

Through various means, Dr. Moyer says, the commission is going to try and solve this problem which has faced rural China for generations.—Associated Press.

TO RECOGNISE NEW CHAMPION

Washington, April 2.

The National Boxing Association's Executive Committee today voted to recognise the winner of the Ezzard Charles—Jersey Joe Walcott fight in Chicago next June as the new world's heavyweight boxing champion.

The president of the NBA announced that the contract for the title bout provides that the winner must meet a No. 3 man in 90 days, thereafter the next available challenger must be accommodated.

He said this will clear up the entire heavyweight picture within six months.—United Press.

SCHOOL XI WIN GAME

The Combined Hong Kong Christian Brothers' Schools Soccer XI recorded their third successive win yesterday when they beat a team drawn from HQ Land Forces by four clear goals on the Club Ground at Happy Valley.

The game was played in excellent spirit and although the schoolboys were able to win by such a comfortable margin, they had to fight every inch of the way.

The soldiers gave a good account of themselves and did most of the attacking in the second half, but their forwards were unable to make any headway against the bustling tactics of the opposing defence.

Goal scorers for the schoolboys were: Lee Cheuk-sang (2), Ko Po-keung (1) and Yuen Chan-fun (1).

All-Collegiate XI: Chan Wing-kwan, Yeung Yiu-hung, Chan Shu-shing, Tam Cheung-sing, Mow Cheong-wing, Chu Kam-wing, Yuen Chan-fun, A.K. Ismail, Ko Po-keung, Lee Cheuk-sang and A. G. Ismail.

In the second half, Chan Shu-on and Lam Yuk-lun played in place of A. K. Ismail and Chu Kam-wing.

HQ Land Forces: Bell, Byrad, Walton, Higman, Stevenson, Manson, Wemyss, Sinclair, Keogh, Jones and McWest.

The All-Collegiate XI; accompanied by The Reverend Brother Cronan, Sports Master of St. Joseph's College, will be leaving for the Philippines by PAL plane on Friday and yesterday's game was in the nature of a final practice.

WORLD TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Hamilton, Bermuda, April 3.

Earl Cochell won the international tennis championships' men's singles here yesterday (Saturday), defeating Sidney B. Wood, Jnr., 6-2, 11-9 and 6-4.

In the men's doubles finals Wood and Irvin Dorfman beat Cochell and Don McNeill 10-8, 3-6, 6-3 and 7-5.

In the mixed doubles semi-finals, Miss Barbara Scofield and Bill Vogt beat Miss Midge Buck and McNeill 7-5, 5-7 and 6-2.—United Press.

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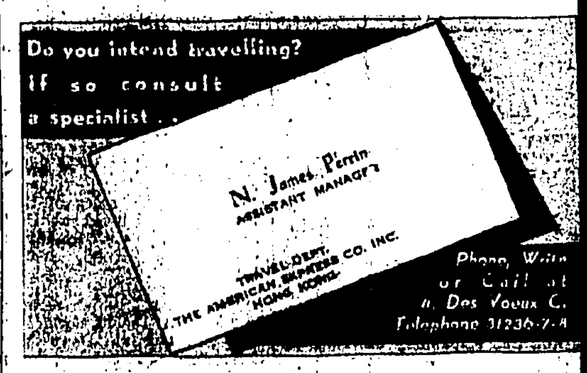

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SALE OF CROWN LAND

Two auction sales of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1949, at 3 p.m.

The areas which comprise 10,000 and 15,000 square feet are situated at Deep Water Bay, and are suitable for residential purposes.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of 18th March, 1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

V. KENNIFF,
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 3 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 5th April, 1949 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 22nd March, 1949, until Tuesday, 5th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN,
Director,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949 to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON.
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

NOTICE

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949 at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949, both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 16th and Monday, 18th April, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 7th April, 1949.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Compromise On ECA Bill Rejected

Washington, April 3.

Senator Owen Brewster was last night reported to have turned down the compromise amendment to the European Recovery Programme aimed at the Dutch and their war with Indonesia.

Reliable sources said Senator Brewster will oppose the compromise sponsored by Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican foreign policy spokesman, and approved by the State Department. They said the Maine Republican will press for the adoption of his own amendment which would withhold about US$400,000,000 in Recovery funds from the Netherlands because of the Dutch military operations in Indonesia.

The compromise would cut off Dutch Recovery funds only if the United Nations Security Council ordered sanctions against the Netherland's because of the Indonesian situation.

Senator Vandenberg publicly stated that he does not favour immediate pressure on the country in the position of taking unilateral sanctions outside the framework of the United Nations. --United Press.

MOSCOW INVITE TO BRITAIN

London, April 2.

Four British organisations have been invited to send delegates to the all-Soviet Trade Union Congress meeting in Moscow from April 19, the British-Soviet Society stated today.

The four bodies are: the Trades Union Congress, the London Trades Council, the Glasgow Trades Council and the Lancashire Federation of Trades Councils.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

Tel Aviv, April 2.

An announcement of the Philippines' de jure recognition of Israel was received by the Foreign Ministry here today.—Reuter.

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Tenders are invited for the purpose of the above vessel of 1389 Gross Tons, 1042 Nett Tons, Length 232.6', Breadth 37.7', Depth 20.4', as she lies ashore at Mofu Point, Hainan Island, approximately 20°01' North 110°56' East.

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April 2, 1949.

NOTICE

We have today appointed Mr. Chan Cheuk Ying, our Compradore. Mr. Pong Wing Tong has no longer any connection with this Company.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, April 1, 1949.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 26th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

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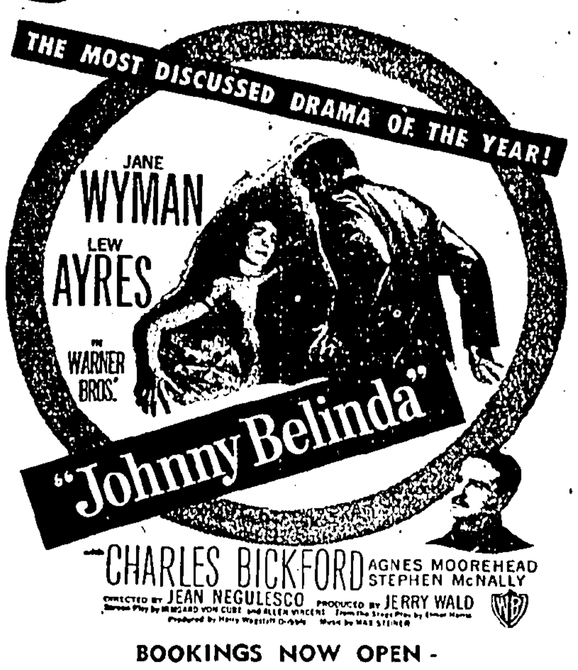

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THE LUCK OF THE LEAD

WHETHER you make your contract or whether it is defeated does not always depend on what the contract is. It may be determined by the uncontrolled matter of which defender has the lead. If it is one man, he may open a certain suit. If it is his partner, a different suit will get attacked. With one lead, your contract may be a sure thing, but with the other it may be impossible. Those imponderables show up frequently in duplicate tournaments, and are part of the reason why weaker players enjoy that style of game. They occasionally get a top score against experts through just such hidden factors.

	S K 10 9 4 2 H Q J 10 2 D 10 3 2 C A	
S Q 7 6 H A K 8 6 3 D K 7 C Q 7 5	N W E S	S J 8 5 H 7 D A Q 9 6 C K J 8 6 2
	S A 3 H 9 5 4 D J 8 5 4 C 10 9 4 3	

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable).

	West	North	East	South
1.	1 H	Pass	2 C	Pass
	2 H	Pass	3 D	Pass
	3 NT			
2.	1 H	Pass	2 C	Pass
	2 H	Pass	2 NT	Pass
	3 NT			

Who can say that the bidding at Table 2 was better than that at Table 1? It had one advantage in that it kept the diamond suit concealed, but then the bidding at the first table was more informative to the partner and might have uncovered a diamond fit if West's hand had been different. But, since diamonds were not led in either case, the question of bidding them had no influence on the final result.

Where South wns the leader the contract was made, and where North led it was beaten. South's lead was the short-suit heart 9, based on the idea that, if East would not support a rebid major, North must be well-fixed in the suit—not too bad logic. East won that in dummy and led a club. North of course won and switched to spades. But East stopped the third round, and went on to collect a total of four tricks in clubs, three in diamonds, two in hearts and one in spades to have an extra trick.

Where North led, a spade was selected. Note how that and spade continuances caused the suit to be set up before the club A as a re-entry was removed from North. That lead of course beat the contract a trick.

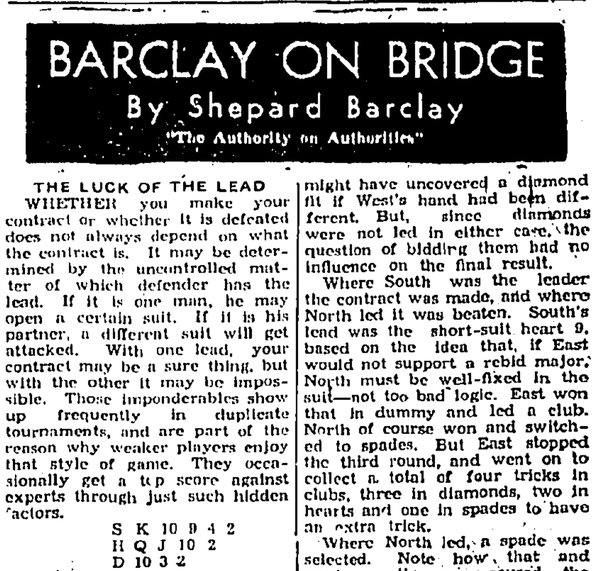
Tomorrow's Problem

	S 8 6 3 H Q J 10 3 2 D 7 4 C K 8 7	
S A K Q 4 2 H K 9 6 D A K 2 C Q 2	N W E S	S J 10 H 8 5 4 D 10 6 3 C A J 10 6 5
	S 9 7 5 H A 7 D Q J 9 8 5 C 9 4 3	

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable).

With a diamond lead against 3-No Trumps, would you in the West try the club finesse in rubber bridge? Would you in matchpoint duplicate if you had a good score to that point?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Clutch. 4 Humbled. 8 Vegetable. 10 Slope. 12 Speaker. 14 Daubed. 17 Assert. 19 Burnt coals. 20 Adore. 22 Extent. 23 Rising into the air. 27 Strip. 29 Large spoon. 30 Pass (time). 31 Occupier. 32 Drawing-room.

Down

1 Quotes. 2 Concur. 3 Earlier. 5 Sculptor's work. 6 Die of hunger. 7 Hinders. 9 Exact. 11 Attendant at a shoot. 13 Fat. 15 Tie up. 16 Attack. 18 Ireland. 20 Holder for money. 21 Blush. 24 Book of maps. 25 Drive forward. 26 Inexperienced. 28 Seam.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS:—3 Carriage, 8 Reef, 9 Remained, 11 Depleted, 13 Glad, 15 Carnival, 18 Talented, 19 Lets, 21 Liberate, 25 Consider, 26 Bond, 27 Detonate.

DOWN:—1 Prod, 2 Leap, 4 Abet, 5 Read, 6 Annul, 7 Ended, 9 Remit, 10 Medal, 12 Evade, 14 Alert, 16 Valid, 17 Lever 19 Lucid, 20 Tenet, 21 Lien, 22 Belt, 23 Agog, 24 Eddy.

INDONESIANS ACCEPT PRELIMINARY TALKS

Batavia, April 2.

The Indonesian Republicans today accepted the United Nations Commission's invitation to hold preliminary discussions with Dutch representatives in Batavia.

The acceptance is subject to the condition that initially the discussions will concern only practical details of the restoration of the Republican Government at Jogjakarta.

Dr. Mohammed Roem, chairman of the Republican delegation, in his reply to the Commission's chairman, said: "It is my hope that The Netherlands will agree in principle to this restoration at the outset, so that the Republican Government, on the basis of the known wishes of its people, can take essential decisions on the Security Council's resolution of January 28 and its directive of March 25."

(The January 28 resolution, as amended, called for the immediate cessation of hostilities and the immediate release of Indonesian leaders and freedom to exercise their functions in the Jogjakarta area, recommended elections to be held by October 1 and a transfer of sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia not later than July 1, 1950.

(On March 26, the United Nations Commission for Indonesia invited the Republican and the Dutch delegations to take part in the discussions under the Commission's auspices. This was the first move to implement a Security Council resolution, moved by Canada, calling for further preliminary talks between the Republican and the Dutch representatives)

Misunderstandings

Dr. Roem said today: "My acceptance of the Commission's invitation to discussions with the Netherlands before the latter has agreed to the re-establishment of the Republican Government at Jogjakarta is likely to create grave misunderstandings among the Republican leaders in other parts of the country and abroad and among the Indonesian people generally.

"Such misunderstandings could not fail to make an eventual settlement more difficult. I would, therefore, state that any participation must necessarily be limited, at least in the early stages of the discussions.

"On December 19, 1948, authority was properly transferred to an Emergency Government in Sumatra, to act on behalf of the Republican Government until such time as the Government is free to re-assemble," Dr. Roem said.

"As your Commission made clear in its report to the Security Council of March 1, and as was emphasised by a number of speakers in the recent Security Council's debates, the restoration of a Republican Government at Jogjakarta, free to take a decision uncoerced, is a prerequisite to any fruitful negotiations."—Reuter.

PAA Strike Is Settled

New York, April 2.

The strike of radio operators of the Pan-American World Airways, which yesterday tied up most of the overseas flights of the line, was settled early this morning.

A spokesman for the Union told reporters that an agreement had been reached to increase the wages of radio operators by US$--.50 a month and for a severance pay of $3,000 to all employees laid off because of "obsolete" jobs.

It is understood that the "obsolete" jobs refers to the plan of the company not to employ radio operators on the new stratocruisers, which will soon be placed in service.

The pilots of these aeroplanes will use radio phones.—Reuter.

London, April 2.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, left by air today for Nairobi, Kenya colony, where Britain has several colonial development projects under way. He was accompanied by his wife.—Associated Press.

RETURNED AFTER 30 YEARS

Johannesburg, April 2.

The public library at Bethlehem, Orange Free State, received back a book from a Capetown man who borrowed it 30 years ago.

The borrower wrote: "Legally I owe you the current value of the book with cumulative interest for 30 years. I would have to raise a mortage on my house to pay that so I sincerely hope you will not press me."—Associated Press.

Too Many Columns In Stalingrad

Moscow, April 2.

The architects rebuilding Stalingrad are suffering from "columnitis," according to criticisms levelled at the Communist Youth Congress here.

"There are columns everywhere," complained N.F.F. Denisov, secretary of the Stalingrad branch of the Youth League. "Wherever you look there are nothing but columns. A modest maternity home boasts 20 columns. Even small cottages and the Red October tractor factory are columned."

Denisov said Communist youth played a key role in the reconstruction of Stalingrad, and therefore they had a right to complain. He warned the architects to reject "formalistic survivals."—United Press.

Arms Find In Italy Revealed

Rome, April 2.

The Government today disclosed that large amounts of abandoned arms and ammunition had been found throughout Italy after the Parliament authorised Italian participation in the Atlantic pact over strong Communist opposition.

The Interior Minister, Mario Scelba, made the disclosure in reporting to the Cabinet on the present status of public order. He said the arms were found by police and Carabinieri at widespread places, and noted that similar discoveries were made after the Communist defeat in the general elections a year ago.

The political situation today, he said, is considered satisfactory from every point of view.

"The Socialist and Communist agitation against the Government and the Atlantic pact was held within the limits of law, but weakness of the demonstrations themselves did not make any extraordinary police measures necessary," said the Interior Minister.—United Press.

MARRIED MEN'S ASSOCIATION

London, April 2.

Fred Wurmull, founder of the Anti-woman Society which collapsed upon his marriage last year, today disclosed that he has started a new organisation.

It will be known as Married Men's Association and will oppose all inronds of man's rights made by the Married Women's Association.—United Press.

BERIA HONOURED

Moscow, April 2.

The magazine "Dawn of the East," organ of the Gergian Communist Party, said today that great honours had been showered on Lavrenti Beria, member of the Politburo and head of the secret police. The occasion was his 50th birthday. Next to Stalin, Beria is Georgia's most famous figure.

There were numerous messages of congratulation from his colleagues, and expressions of gratitude from the Georgian authorities for his work in furthering the Russian Revolution.—United Press.

Baby Mill Charge Filed In Court

New York, April 2.

An affidavit on file in court today accused the Army and the American Red Cross of approving a nationwide baby mill to dispose of the illegitimate babies of Army nurses.

The affadavit, which petitioned for the dismissal of baby adoption racket charges against Mrs. Alice Satterthwaite, was filed by Curtis Frank, counsel for the corset saleswoman and former social worker, aged 56. Frank said he had been retained by 40 couples who are fighting to keep the babies they obtained through Mrs. Satterthwaite's "free" adoption service.

The statement said Mrs. Satterthwaite acted as a "good Samaritan" for Army nurses who returned to the United States in a "pregnant condition" during the war. It said she acted at the specific request of the Red Cross and the Army Nursing Service.

The affadavit said the Red Cross and the Army apparently knew about and approved the efforts of the head of the Red Cross to enlist Mrs. Satterthwaite's good offices in helping these girls place their babies for adoption.

Frank said the court's investigation of Mrs. Satterthwaite frightened a number of other mothers, who feared a public airing of individual cases which Mrs. Satterthwaite handled. He said one woman threatened to commit suicide.

Frank moved for dismissal of the charges against his client for violating the social welfare laws on the grounds she had not received payment for her services.—United Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Melodies from British Films. (BBC7S)
1.00 p.m.—"Piano Playtime" With Hal Lorenzo at the Piano. (Studio)
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—"It's Swing Time."
6.30 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.
7.00 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour: Presented by Joan Austen. (Studio)
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour (Studio)
8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
8.15 p.m.—Landmarks of Britain. Stonehenge and Avebury. A Talk by Vesey Fitzgerald. (BBCTS)
8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by Nan Dickinson. (Studio)
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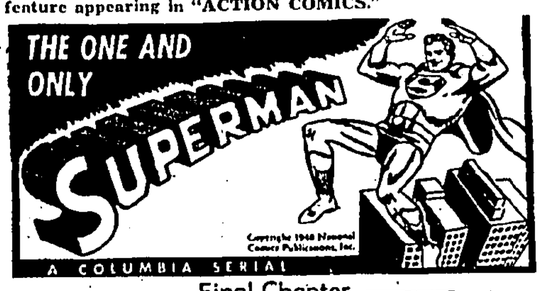

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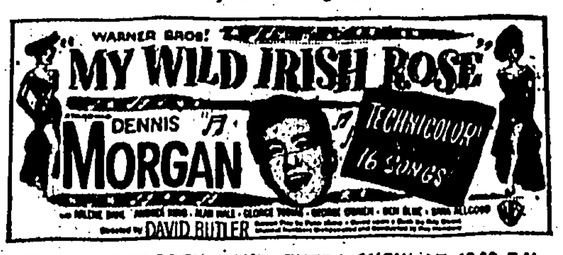

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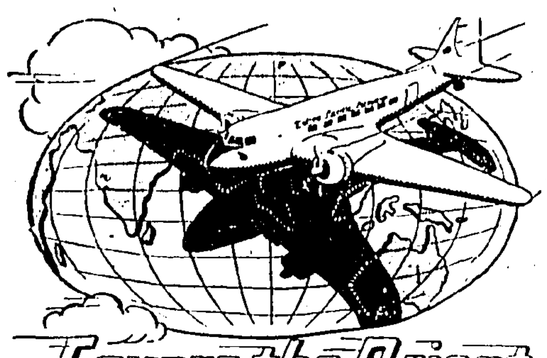

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DEATH

GRANT, Mrs. Kathleen, at the Queen Mary Hospital on April 3, 1949, dearly loved mother of Rosaleen, Kathleen and Eileen. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 1949.

THE COMMUNIST PHILOSOPHY

The Communist philosophy is such that any semblance of defeatist attitude towards the force of Communism is dangerous. Many of the intelligentsia regard the world and its future today with bewilderment and anxiety, in striking contrast to the *sang froid* of a Marxist whose philosophy tells him not only what ought to happen but what will happen. A Marxist knows that he is taking part in the forward march of humanity. He is hastening the development that will bring happiness to the world and bring it all the sooner because of his propaganda and conduct. This simple and naive conviction is undoubtedly a great source of strength to the Communist movement. It enlists an immense force of fanatical enthusiasm. It captivates men and women and deprives them of their critical faculties. Marx is accepted as the prophet who had discovered not only the important truths but truth itself, so that all that was needed for man's guidance was the power of understanding his exposition. Men might quarrel over its interpretation but fortunately they have been provided with interpreters as infallible as Marx himself in Lenin and Stalin. And as these interpreters have behind them the drilled power of the largest State in Europe, their version of the truth is backed by material force as impressive and dominating as the force that the ideas of the French Revolution derived from the conquests of Napoleon. This sense of certainty is a weapon of some importance in the struggle of ideas in the world. Undoubtedly there is the danger that it will affect the spirit and confidence of the opponents of Communism. It is evident (they say) that Communism is the form that democracy is taking in Europe and all the forces of Liberalism are destined to defeat in a world where Communism is emerging as the only alternative to reaction. Anybody who accepts this conclusion, who thinks that one by one the peoples of Europe will follow the example of Czechoslovakia, is really arguing that mankind has to surrender its most important moral conquests because democracy cannot live up to them.

An admirer of the Russian Revolution said it will take Russia 30 years to reach the stage at which the Russians enjoy the rights and freedom to which the British are accustomed. M. Vyshinsky said last year that there was only one road and that was the Stalin road which the Russians have been following for 30 years. Thus the Russian Revolution has to create the situation in which 30 years were needed to produce the present stage and another 30 years will be needed to produce a society with the freedom enjoyed by the despised bourgeois British people. This is the people the Communist leaders describe as the father of democracy. Can one imagine Tom Paine telling the British people that it would take them 60 years to produce a society which was not a police state?

While the Russian Revolution has brought some benefits, as a political force it is now a danger to all the ideas that have tended to emancipate man from his worst passions, and there is no reason to believe its power for evil cannot be resisted with success or that such resistance involves the loss of the benefits it has brought. That belief would be as contrary to the lessons of history as the Marxist belief that Marx laid down for all time the plan on which human destiny was to be fulfilled. It is true that tyranny has weapons unknown to the tyrants of the past but it is also true that the peoples who have enjoyed liberty have not lost its spirit or the capacity of defending it.

THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

By H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

Early Schooldays

Many years later, during an enforced period in bed while recovering from a riding accident, I became quite proficient with a crochet needle.

At the beginning of the last war, when, attached to a British mission with the French Army, I was obliged to make long motor trips back and forth in the combat zones, I returned once again to my gentle diversion as a means of killing time.

This was during the period of the so-called "phoney" war, and I was understanably discreet about my hobby at first.

It would hardly have done for the story to get around that the Duke of Windsor, in the inform of a major-general of the British Army, had been seen bowling along the roads behind the Maginot Line crocheting.

Nevertheless, crocheting did for me what detective novels do for statesmen.

It relaxed my mind and, incidentally, provided a number of anonymous but not unworthy samples for a charity my wife organised for the French Army.

When I was nearly eight a new personality was injected into my life.

Frederick Finch came from a line of family retainers in the service of the Dukes of Wellington. His father had been bodyservant to the old Iron Duke himself.

Beginning as my male "nanny," he shined my shoes, nursed me when I was sick, scrubbed my hands and face, and knelt with me when I said my prayers at night.

As I grew older he became my valet—but a valet who played golf and shot and rode with me. Still later, he became my butler.

Now retired, aged 77, he lives in a little cottage in Berkshire with, perhaps, more than his share of memories.

Not long ago Finch told a friend of mine that as a boy I had been a handful—or, if I might use the word, a "stubborn" character.

He went on to describe an occasion when he played the role of "rod and pickle."

I Apologise

Evidently, one afternoon, when my sister was supposed to be taking a nap, I had gone into the nursery and kicked up a fuss. My father was out shooting, and no one dared to disturb my mother.

My sister's harassed nurse, Lala Bill, stormed into Finch's room, crying, "That boy is impossible. If you don't give him a thrashing, I will."

Finch marched me off to the bedroom, laid me face down on the bed and, while I kicked and yelled, laid a large hand upon that part of the anatomy which nature has conveniently provided for the chastisement of small boys.

I sobbed a long time, and swore to get even with Finch by threatening that my brother would tell my father what he had done.

That night, at ten-time, my mother heard the whole story from Bertie and Mary, and I was sent back to Finch's room to apologise for having been such a nuisance.

That, at any rate, is Finch's story; for myself, I can only say that I have absolutely no recollection of the incident, and may have rubbed from my memory a scene that I did not choose to remember. Finch is a man of probity; let his testimony stand.

In 1901 my father returned from an eight-months' tour of the British Empire.

Coming upon us afresh, after that long absence, he was appalled to discover how little Bertie and I knew.

I was then seven and a half—an age which customarily finds the sons of upper-class English families deposited in a fashionable preparatory school, to be ruled by the classics and the master's rod.

By tradition, however, the education of British Princes had remained the province of the private tutor; and my father's immediate response to the nursery crisis was to import without delay a tutor of impeccable connections.

Thus, one day, there appeared in our midst a very tall, gaunt, solemn gentleman, Henry Peter Hansell.

A graduate of Magdalen College, Oxford, Hansell was a typical English schoolmaster of a period which demanded of its fashionable pedagogues not only a broad command of the classics and Protestant doctrine, but proficiency in several forms of athletics as well.

He had played football at Oxford, was a six-handicap golfer and a crack rifle shot. He thus combined mild and graceful scholarship with a muscular Christianity, accented by tweeds and an ever-present pipe. Needless to say, he was a bachelor.

Save for the sporadic interventions of my parents, these two men, Hansell and Finch, brought me and my three brothers up until one by one we went off to school.

They made a good team, and, of the two, I sometimes think that the servant had a stronger influence, possessing a livelier comprehension of a small boy's secret interests and of his inhibitions as well as his ambitions.

In School

There was a "schoolroom" in each of the four houses we occupied at different seasons of the year.

Mary had her own governess, Mademoiselle Jose Dussau, and, except when Hansell was on holiday and we joined her class, she did her lessons alone.

Mary loved her governess, who was a great favourite with my parents.

To us boys, however, "Mademoiselle" was a tattle-tale who spoiled Mary and kept us in a constant state of apprehension lest she gave us away to our parents.

Punctually at nine o'clock, Bertie and I would be at our desks and Hansell would enter the schoolroom with a schoolmaster's formality.

A stranger observing his detached and impersonal air would scarcely have suspected that he had just finished having breakfast with us.

We would study for two hours, then be let out for half an hour of play, with another hour of work before lunch.

As a rule Hansell would lunch with us, as would Mary and her "Mademoiselle."

On prescribed days only French would be spoken at meals. This was tough on Bertie and me, since Mary, speaking the language all day with her French governess, was far more practised in it than we.

The afternoons were taken up with outdoor games, an hour or two of further study, and of course, tea.

Saturday was our free day, Sunday morning always meant church, and we never missed that.

That was the daily round of my childhood.

Mr. David

Because mathematics was not Hansell's forte, and since it was also a subject to which I proved allergic, both he and I presently came under my father's censure.

Thinking that Hansell's approach was too theoretical, my father tried to fire our interest with practical problems of his own devising, such as striking the average weight of his "kill" during the deer-stalking season.

Made impatient by our inability to cope even with these problems, he engaged a special tutor to teach us nothing but mathematics.

Mr. David, a Welshman with knock knees and a taste for Craven A tobacco, struggled with us in arithmetic, algebra, and trigonometry, during his holidays from Tonbridge School. His gallant efforts were not entirely unrewarded.

At Frogmore the formidable Canon Dalton, of St. George's Chapel, who had been my father's tutor in the Navy, would stride down the hill to lecture us on the Scriptures in a voice that boomed like Big Ben.

It is a fascinating commentary upon the flexibility of British society that this man who played so influential a part in moulding the character of a royal Prince should himself have produced under the shadows of Windsor Castle a son, Hugh Dalton, who was until recently the Chancellor of the Exchequer of a Socialist Government.

Frogs' Legs

And to teach me French, the diplomatic language of the time, my father had recort to another of his old Navy tutors, a gentleman with a bushy black beard, an enormous bald head, and the improbable name of M. Gabriel Hua.

Since he had achieved but indifferent success with my father, I was never able to understand why Hua was expected to succeed with me.

He was a friendly man, yet like all French professors he did not escape the fate of becoming at the hands of British schoolboys the butt of crude practical jokes.

One day, at lunch, when we were at Frogmore, M. Hua digressed from a long-winded exposition of the subtleties of the French indefinite article to praise the excellencies of French cuisine, dwelling with particular rapture on the succulence of frogs' legs.

As we children had never eaten them, our immediate reaction was that Hua was making up a good story.

But as he talked on, his earnestness impressed us, and it finally dawned on us that not only did this annoying man eat frogs' legs; he actually preferred them above other food.

I think it was Mary who first had the idea of exploiting Hua's eccentridity, but my mother was in on it too.

Armed with a fine mesh net and a bucket, we sallied forth to the lake in search of frogs.

But as it was the spawning season, we had to content ourselves with a catch of tadpoles.

These we carried triumphantly to the kitchen, and we instructed the chief to broil them and serve them on toast that evening as a special savoury dish for the French tutor.

M. Hua was, of course, completely ignorant of the plot, and when the time came for the savoury, and the footman passed the dish to the frog eater, I saw in a side glance that all the conspirators wore an expression of angelic satisfaction.

End of Joke

Of course, it had never been our intention to let the professor eat the tadpoles, but before my mother could utter a warning, he was attacking the toast with knife and fork, and conveying the half of it to his mouth with a gesture of anticipation.

Mama cried, "No, no!" and stammered that it was all a joke, and that his special savoury was not meant to be eaten.

My impression is that M. Hua gallantly swallowed what was already in his mouth, but pure hatred was in the glance with which he swept the table; and with a curt bow to my mother that was like cocking a shotgun, he flounced from the dining-room.

ALWAYS LOOKED forward to the summer holidays in Scotland with my brothers—Bertie (now the King), Harry (now the Duke of Gloucester), and George (later Duke of Kent, killed 1942).

Mama's eyes twinkled. "I am afraid, children," she said softly, "that between frogs' legs and tadpoles the French gourmets draw a fine line."

From M. Hua my brother and I learned one polite accomplishment—the ability to recite in French.

This accomplishment was the origin of a novel way of saying happy birthday to my parents and grandparents on their individual birthdays.

In advance of the family celebration, each of us would choose a poem which we would undertake to memorise, and copy with painful care on long sheets of foolscap, which were then bound with bright ribbons. At the party we children would advance all in a row, recite our little pieces, and then present the copies.

My parents usually so arranged it that these prodigies of memory were performed in the privacy of the family.

But at Sandringham my grandparents liked to invite their guests to listen to the performance.

My grandfather was always polite in his applause, but no more so than my grandmother, who was stone deaf; hence I was never quite sure whether either one derived much pleasure from these acts of virtuosity.

In any case, for us children the whole business was a night-mare.

"Upon the good education of princes the welfare of the world depends."

Thus expounded the Prince Consort in planning out for my grandfather an educational programme which in its severity and harshness seemed more appropriate for the rehabilitation of a criminal.

To the extent that the end desired was a sober, learned and rigorous mind, that straitlaced programme had failed notoriously in the case of my spirited grandfather, and on looking back over my first five happy years under my tutor Hansell—happy but curiously ineffectual years—I am forced to admit that by contrast a milder regime had little if any more success with me.

My lack of progress used to worry my mother, who once exclaimed, "But these children are terribly ignorant!"

My father, in his more direct way, attributed the trouble directly to my dumbness.

Yet quite apart from the question of whether I possessed the intellectual equipment to make a good student, the circumstances of my birth combined with the constitutional constraints of a monarchial democracy to dilute and slow down my preparation for the modern world.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

After all, there is a lot of sense in this new fashion of holding peace conferences before instead of after the third war.

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Americans gave Czech spies 18 years. Czechs gave two American soldiers 10 and 12 years.

Check, Oh Slovakia!

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First it was sharks down in Aussie. Now it's Sharkey.

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"The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is sitting on a red hot report."

You're getting warmer, fellas.

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It's pretty certain that with calls from Hong Kong to Shanghai costing $21 a time, this telephone service will be a real "Two-Wei" affair.

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It seems that the future of British stage censorship is getting a bit Hays-y.

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"King's surgeon knighted." A trusty lancet.

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"Fresh Fruits arrive on Sea Serpent."

Boy, that's news!

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Even if Formosa isn't truly "Socialist," you can at least say it's been severely "Nationalised."

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These security measures to study means of dealing with would-be subversive elements also give would-be subversive elements a good chance to study means of dealing with the security measures.

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The Rangoon Turf Club was robbed of an entire day's takings.

Wot, no photo finish to convince the punters it was all above-board?

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People in Japan will have a whale of an appetite now.

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Curiously enough, it is the Pacifists who oppose the idea of a Pacific Pact.

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Mao Tse-tung's favourite tune: "One more river to cross."

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RUSSIA ACCUSED BY 12 ATLANTIC POWERS

"Deliberate Distortion" Of Treaty's Purpose

REJECTION OF RED NOTE

Washington, April 3.

All the 12 Atlantic powers, speaking for the first time with a single voice, accused Russia yesterday of misinterpreting the nature and intent of their projected military Alliance.

A formal statement issued here on the authority of the 12 Foreign Ministers virtually accused Russia of deliberately distorting the purpose of the treaty.

Moscow has called the formation of the Alliance an aggressive move against the Soviet Union. Yesterday's statement was a sweeping rejection of the Soviet note, issued on Thursday.

The 12 non-Communist nations replied to Moscow:

"The pact is not directed against any nation or group of nations, but only against armed aggression"

The statement was approved on Saturday at the first meeting of the Atlantic Foreign Ministers. They meet again here on Monday afternoon to sign the document.

The Foreign Ministers representing Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States.

At their initial meeting, the Ministers all

1 "Formally approved the text of the 20-year treaty. It would pledge each of the powers to join in resisting an attack against any of the 12 participating nations.

Quick Start

2. Decided that an Atlantic Council provided for in the treaty, should be composed of Foreign Ministers or other representatives of governments. They agreed it should meet as soon as the treaty goes into effect and should then set up a defence committee.

The senior diplomats of the Western world thus got off to a quick start on creating the peace machinery for the alliance.

It can not come into actual existence until the agreement is signed and approved by the U.S. Senate, and possibly other Western Parliaments, and formally ratified by the seven Governments which drafted it.

Officials were obviously cheered by this progress. It will be at least several weeks before the pact powers can officially work together to establish their defences against any attack.

Best Answer

The Foreign Ministers' answer to the formal Russian attack on the treaty was impersonal.

Their statement, released by the U.S. State Department, said:

"The Foreign Ministers note that the views expressed by the Soviet Government on March 31 are identical in their misinterpretations of the nature and intent of this association with those published by the Soviet Foreign Office in January before the text was even in existence."

The text was made public on March 18.

"It would thus appear," the Atlantic powers said, "that the views of the Soviet Government on this subject do not arise from an examination of the character and text of the North Atlantic pact, but from other considerations. The treaty itself is the best answer to such misrepresentations and allegations.

"The text makes clear the completely defensive nature of this pact, its conformity with both the spirit and letter of the charter of the United Nations and also the fact that the pact is not directed against any nation or group of nations but only against armed aggression."

U.N. Meeting

To mark their conviction that the Pact harmonises both with the letter and the spirit of the United Nations, the Atlantic Union Foreign Ministers are expected to attend next Tuesday's opening session of the General Assembly in New York.

They will thus make it clear to world opinion that their collective action for defence in the Atlantic area is aimed at reinforcing and not replacing United Nations machinery for keeping peace.

The Foreign Ministers are not expected to speak individually at Lake Success and will return to Washington for further Atlantic Union talks.

Unless the Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, decides to attack the Pact in the General Assembly on lines already made public in the Soviet note to the Atlantic Powers, the issue is unlikely to be raised by the signatory Powers themselves.

Today's decision to postpone the creation of permanent machinery to implement the Pact until ratification is complete is interpreted to mean that military experts will hold further detailed discussion on the final form and place of the various military bodies after next Monday's signature.—Associated Press and Reuter.

TRUMAN--STALIN MEETING PROPOSAL

Washington, April 2.

Representatives Mike Mansfield (Democrat, Montana) said today he understood that certain members of the Congress had suggested to President Truman another meeting with Prime Minister Stalin.

Mr. Mansfield said that he himself had not made the suggestion although "I think it wouldn't be a bad idea."

Those interested thought it might be advisable for the President and the Soviet leader to get once more across the conference table to see what could be done about settling problems in disagreement.

Mr. Mansfield said that no pressure was being put on Mr. Truman, that no formal request had been made for such a conference and that he did not know Mr. Truman's reaction.

The President has repeatedly rejected any idea of going abroad to meet Premier Stalin, though he has expressed willingness to talk things over with the Soviet leader any time Stalin wanted to come to Washington.—Reuter.

Pontiff Cheered By Children

Vatican City, April 2.

Fifty-thousand children, aged from four to 12, today cheered the Pope when he addressed them in the Vatican's Belvedere Court on his Golden Jubilee as a priest. Dressed in white and blue, they threw flowers of yellow and white, the Papal colours, in the air.

The Pope, clad in white, smiled from his red and gold throne, flanked by Papal guards in blue and orange ceremonial dress.

He told the children: "How can we celebrate this day better than by remembering the message of St. John, a message which no Pope can ever forget and which no child can fail to understand. Little children, love one another."

Four children spoke in the name of all and presented the Pope with gifts, including a field-altar, a miniature of Christ among the children, and money towards a new radio transmitter, representing a contribution of one lira each from children all over Italy.

The celebration will continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

JAPAN IN ECAFE PLANS

Bangkok, April 3.

Over Soviet objections, Japan was included yesterday in a preliminary report for industrial development in Asia.

The report was prepared by a sub-committee of the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE). It will be submitted on Monday for consideration of the Whole commission.

The Russian delegate, S. S. Niemchina, has been insisting that all question relating to Japan are beyond the ECAFE jurisdiction. The whole programme carries the implication of material U.S. aid.

M. Niemchina argued that no Asian country receiving any outside assistance should be bound either politically or economically by such help.—Associated Press.

LORD LISTOWEL BACK IN U. K.

London, April 2.

Lord Listowel, British Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, arrived in London by air today after a three-week visit to Australia and New Zealand.

One of four special envoys sent to Dominion capitals, Lord Listowel's mission was to discuss with the Australian and New Zealand Governments matters arising from last October's meeting of the Commonwealth Premiers in London.—Reuter.

London, April 2.

Tomorrow, at 2.00 a.m. GMT, Britain puts the clocks on one hour, to 3.00 a.m. British Summer Time, the 33rd year of its enforcement.—Reuter.

MOSCOW'S ATTACK ON THE PACT

Moscow, April 2.

The North Atlantic Pact leaves the way open for any provocation which might be used for aggression, an editorial in the Moscow paper, "Izvestia," asserted today.

Giving the first comment on the subject since Friday's Soviet memorandum on the pact, the editorial said that clause VI of the Pact, which treats all the Atlantic North of the Tropic of Cancer as a geographical sphere coming coming within the scope of the Treaty, gives "American aggressors a juridical basis for any provocation which can be used for the purposes of unleashing military action."

Why, asked the article, if the Pact corresponds to the principles of the United Nations, were the negotiations conducted in secret from the Security Council?—Associated Press.

Athens Claims In Civil War

Athens, April 2.

Greek guerillas lost 4,037 dead and 5,934 taken prisoner in fighting from January 1 to March 31 this year, an Army communique claimed today.

The highest guerilla casualties were in the big Southern Greek peninsula of Peloponnesus where the figures were given as 1,682 killed and 2,790 taken prisoner.

The communique claimed 13 important leaders among the dead and prisoners.—Reuter.

APL Freighter Runs Aground

Manila, April 3.

Salvage operators disclosed today that the American President Lines' freighter Brainerd Victory has been crippled by running aground in the Southern Philippines.

The Luzon Stevedoring Company, salvagers, said the Victory ship rammed into barren Sanco Point, off East Mindanao, before dawn on March 29. The location is 600 miles South of Manila.

American President Lines officials could not be contacted immediately. They had made no earlier announcement of the grounding.

Commander Charles Parsons of the salvage company described the vessel as badly damaged. He said the Brainard Victory had a 45-foot crack in her bottom and a number of other fractures.

Commander Parsons did not know exactly how the accident occurred but said Sanco Point is unlighted.

Three tugs, five lighters and a 200-man salvage crew began work on April 1. They are expected to refloat the ship by April 10.

Carrying 4,000 tons of cargo, the Brainard Victory was en route from Davao in Southern most Mindanao to Cebu Island, before sailing for the United States.

Commander Parsons did not have details concerning the crew or possible passengers on board.—Associated Press.

Trials Of Japan's War Criminals

Washington, April 2.

The Far Eastern Commission today recommended that member governments complete the investigation and trial of Japanese Class B and C war criminals by September 30.

The announcement, which was not policy decision, actually recommended dates: June 30 for the finish of investigations and September 30 for trials.

The FEC, in a March 15 policy decision ruled that there shall be no further trials of Class A war criminals — those charged with planning aggressive war. Class B and C were known as "minor" as opposed to "major" criminals of Class A, and included those suspected of violations of laws or customs of war, murder, extermination, enslavement or other inhumane acts committed against civilian population or prosecutions on political, racial or religious grounds.—United Press.

Israelis Revealing Policy

London, April 2.

The British weekly review "Economist" suggested today that Israel's attitude to the question of Arab refugees would show the forthcoming United Nations Assembly meeting whether they want tranquility among their immediate Arab neighbours or whether for the present upheaval and uncertainty would suit better.

"The Economist" said that the Israeli authorities had been neither broad-minded nor imaginative in the memorandum handed to the Conciliation Commission in which they asked that compensation for Arab damage to Israeli property should be set against any Israeli compensation to the Arab refugees.

"It has an Old Testament ring", the Economist added. "Greater vision displayed at the Assembly would give greater proof of a real desire to get on with the Arab States."

The paper suggested that the Assembly should increase the bodyguard of 30 now guarding the neutral area in Jerusalem where the Conciliation Commission is meeting.

"Unless this area is extended, Jerusalem will quickly grow more Jewish," it added. "For experience shows that the only means of preventing the Israelis from taking what sites they please is the passive occupation of these sites by other people."—Reuter.

SOIL EXPERT DIES IN U. S.

New York, April 2.

Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, aged 73, noted soil expert, has died here. As Director of the American Jewish Joint Agricultural Corporation he supervised farm settlement projects in Russia for 250,000 in the 1920's and 1930's.

He was also the discoverer of "Rosen rye", a variety of winter rye now grown in many parts of the United States. Rosen was born in Moscow. He came to the United States in 1910.—Reuter.

Belgrade, April 2.

Yugoslav sugar rations were increased by 30 per cent today to about two pounds and 12 ounces a month. — Associated Press.

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SHANGHAI AGAIN NEARING THE DISASTER STAGE

Shanghai, April 3.

The economics of Shanghai are reaching a stage which one financial editor here calls "disaster."

The month-end pay-day produced a situation where workers could not cash their pay cheques without taking a 200 per cent discount.

The inflation is bad enough, the editor pointed out, but the shortage of bank notes is making conditions considerably worse. If it is permitted to continue, there is no foreseeing where it will end.

One explanation given was that the inflation now is so rapid, printing presses cannot supply money as fast as the money loses value.

Therefore, despite a continuous flood of new bank notes, they drop in value so fast that there are never enough of them.

Business houses are besieged by workers during the week to "get us some money."

No Solution

Although bank balances are sufficient to meet all payrolls and even, in some cases, to pay additional bonuses, there still was no way to get money for the workers.

The substitution of cheques for money is no solution because most Chinese are unable to have accounts and, even if they did, merchants discount their cheques as well as their employer's cheques.

One businessman said he believed the situation was caused by the fact that the Government authorities, during the panic over the approach of the Reds earlier this year, gave up trying to cope with the sinking economy and let matters take their own course, which is now leading to disaster.—Associated Press.

Confiscation Of Newsprint

Buenos Aires, April 2.

The Argentine government seized 13,400 tons of newsprint today from "La Nacion" and "La Prensa", two big independent Buenos Aires newspapers.

Each was allowed to keep only enough newsprint for one week. Henceforth the government will issue paper among all Argentine newspapers every week.

Expropriation of the newsprint was ordered on March 7. The Government said it was designed to save dollars.—Associated Press.

SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY

Geneva, April 2.

The electricity shortage in Europe will last at least another five years, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe reported today.

It will take five years, the Commission said, to complete the first of the many power projects at present under way in France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Poland and Western Germany. These are being held up by an acute shortage of materials, it added.—Reuter.

"NO WAR" ICELAND'S OUTLOOK

Reykjavik, April 2.

The majority opinion in Iceland, an unarmed country with a "no war" tradition, appears today to favour the Atlantic Pact as its greatest peace guarantee. But the Communists opposed the pact even before Icelandic participation was raised.

Many Icelanders have come to believe that neutrality is no longer any safeguard against aggression and they regard this as clearly proved by the last war. Iceland in the past was of little military importance and protected by georgraphical isolation from being involved in power conflicts. But with the age of speed, its citizens became aware that their island could be used as a dagger by the big powers.

A point emphasised by the Foreign Minister, M. Bjarni Benediktsson, in recent talks with Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, was the deep national resentment against the use of arms on the part of Iceland which, though a part of the Danish State for centuries, never took part in Danish wars.

The point was again stressed in the Icelandic Parliament when it was stated that Iceland would take part in the pact on condition that no military bases would be established here in peacetime, that no armed forces should land and that should be no conscription for Icelanders.

The Western powers assured Iceland that these conditions would be covered by the pact.—Reuter.

U. S.–AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE TALKS

Sydney, April 2.

Sir Frederick Shedden, Secretary of the Australian Defence Department, left Sydney by air today for defence talks with high United States officials in Washington.

Sir Frederick, who will stay in the United States for about a month, will afterwards attend defence talks in Ottawa.—Reuter.

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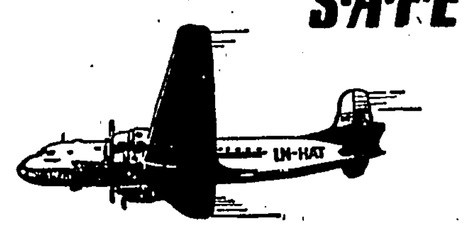

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COLONEL TAKES OVER CONTROL OF SYRIA

Damascus, April 2.

Colonel Husni Zaim, Syrian Army Commander-in-Chief who seized power in last Wednesday's coup d'etat, today took command of the country's administration,

He dissolved Parliament last night by decree after the Deputies failed to form a constitutional Parliamentary Government.

He has appointed a Constitutional Committee charged with the promulgation of a new Constitution and a new electoral law as soon as possible.

In a letter to the Speaker of the Syrian Parliament, Faris El Khoury, Colonel Zaim said the present Parliament did not represent the people's real wishes and had been elected under pressure by the rulers and by irregular means.

As Parliament had become a tool in the hands of the governing group, the letter said, the Higher War Council had decided to dissolve it.

It was expected that the Constitutional Committee would be composed of 20 Legislators and would start work soon. A date for holding new elections will be fixed after the Committee has achieved its task.

It was learned tonight that the Syrian President, Shukri Bey El Kouatli, had been taken by armoured car to Palmyra, in the Syrian desert, after being driven through the streets of Damascus.

Iraqi Minister

Jalan Baban, an Iraqi Cabinet Minister, who arrived in Damascus by special plane today, had a one-hour meeting with Colonel Zaim.

Colonel Zaim told a press conference at Government House today that the Under-Secretaries of the Government, which was assuming the right of the Ministerial Council, would study immediately both Syria's monetary and pipeline agreements in the light of the national interest.

He said Hassan Djebara, the Finance Minister in the last Government, had been appointed adviser to both the Finance and National Economy Ministries and would continue his economic programme, started a few months ago.

Colonel Zaim added that censorship of the local press would end but threatened severe punishment of all criticism, especially of the Army. The curfew was extended two hours tonight.

Before the press conference, Colonel Zaim held a first Ministerial Council with the Under-Secretaries in the Prime Minister's Office for an hour. He then received local and foreign press representatives in the heavily guarded building.—Reuter.

Powerful Radio For Vatican

The Hague, April 2.

Dutch Catholics have launched a nationwide campaign to present the Vatican City with a 100-kilowatt shortwave radio transmitter to counteract Soviet broadcasts in Eastern Europe.

Weighing about 50 tons, it will broadcast on six wavelengths. The transmitter, which is being built by a factory in Hilversum, will commemorate both the Holy Year of 1950, during which it will be completed, and the 50th anniversary of Pope Pius XII.

The Pope has agreed that Holland should contribute the transmitter instead of money. Radio Vatican at present has only a five-kilometre medium wage transmitter and a shortwave transmitter of insufficient strength. A large site 12 miles outside Rome is to be purchased and "extraterritorialised."

The new equipment will make Radio Vatican a station of world strength. A special device, making it possible to switch from one wavelength to another in about half a minute will, it is considered, present a stiff problem to would-be jamming stations.—Reuter.

Dutch Citizens Favour Parleys

The Hague, April 2.

An open letter to the Netherlands Cabinet today, signed by a number of prominent Dutch citizens, declared that the Indonesian situation demands "a speedy and responsible decision."

The letter suggested a number or urgent decisions to be taken, including:

1. Representatives of the Netherlands and Indonesia (including the Indonesian Republic) to meet as soon as possible to discuss on an equal basis, the formation of a Netherlands-Indonesian Union.

2. Entire freedom of movement be given to all Indonesians without restriction. The signatories to the letter included a number of Dutch University professors, among them the former Minister of Education, Professor G. van de Leeuw.—Reuter.

NEW U.S. NAVY COMMANDER

Washington, April 2.

President Truman today appointed Vice Admiral Arthur Radford to be new Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, and High Commissioner of the Pacific Islands.

Admiral Radford had been serving as Vice-Chief of Naval Operations in Washington since January, 1948.—United Press.

BOYCOTT OF PANAMA SHIPS

Baltimore, April 2.

The American Seafarers International Union, at their Convention here today, voted unanimously to boycott all ships flying the Panama flag.

The Union and other maritime groups claim that many United States and foreign firms have transferred their ships to Panama registry to take advantage of the low wage scales and taxes.

Mr. William J. Dorchuin, United States representative on the International Transport Workers Union, which includes dockers as well as seamen, told the Convention that his Union favoured the boycott.

Asked what form it would take, he said: "We could stop handling their cargoes."—Reuter.

CHURCHILL SAYS PACIFIC PACT WORTH CONSIDERING

New York, April 2.

Mr. Winston Churchill said today he believed the idea of a Pacific pact ought to be looked into, but the Western Allies must be careful not to spread their resources unduly.

The British wartime Premier held a press conference on board the Queen Mary just before it sailed for England.

He wore one of his famous "siren suits" and puffed contentedly on a long cigar as he chattered informally with the press.

He said it was his dear wish that the Western nations could become friends of the Russian people, "if we could only get to them," and added: "It is a great grief to the British and American people that the valliant Soviet soldiers who fought so bravely have been misled into the position their Government has put them in at the present time.

"It would make a great difference if they opened their borders and let people come in and go out freely like in other countries," he continued. "It's extraordinary to have this Communist paradise. They are afraid to open the doors for fear all the cherubs will fly out—or at least as many as have wings."

Asked to elaborate on his declaration in his Boston speech that Europe would have been Communised and London under bombardment but for the deterrent of the atomic bomb in the hands of the United States, Mr. Churchill raised his eyebrows and beamed.

"Don't you think it stands better in its naked simplicity?" he countered.

U.S. Awakening

Mr Churchill was in humorous mood thoughout his talk with 23 reporters. He puffed on his cigar and, though tired, appeared in excellent spirits.

Mr. Churchill said he found a tremendous awakening to realities on the part of the American people in the three years that have passed since his Fulton, Missouri speech.

"I think events are a teacher far more than the words of men", he said.

Mr. Churchill added, "I do not mind being called an anti-Communist. Any rank they give me in that heirarchy, I shall gladly accept."

WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Asked if he thought Russia might renounce her treaty with Britain because of the North Atlantic Pact, Mr. Churchill replied:

"I do not think it is of importance one way or the other. They do not seem to be worrying about it."

Kremlin Men

Asked if he were expecting an election in England soon, he smilingly replied: "You ought to go and ask Mr. Herbert Morrison about that. It can't be much more than a year, you know."

Asked whether there were not 14 men in the Kremlin instead of the 13 he mentioned in his Boston sppech, Mr. Churchill said, "I thought it was 14 but the press corrected it and said it was 13. Well, that's a very appropriate number."

Asked to name 13 or 14, Mr. Churchill said he could not do that, but added, "I believe that Stalin is one of them."

Mr. Churchill said that he had a "lovely" reception in the United States, and added that he hoped to return.

"It's nice to get a square meal sometimes," he said.

Of his siren suit, Mr. Churchill said: "I wore it to the Kremlin once but it didn't go down very well. They thought it was pushing democracy a little too far."

Cheered By Passengers

From the time the police escort which sirens wailing whisked Mr. Churchill to the pier until the time the ship sailed, he was the centre of attention on the huge ship.

Crowds gathered outside the verandah grill on the sundeck where Mr. Churchill appeared after the press conference to be photographed.

They cheered spontaneously when, wearing a hat and an overcoat over his "siren suit", he posed patiently with a small boy, both making the "V" sign for photographers.

Crowds followed Mr. Churchill wherever he went on the ship with his host, Bernard Baruch, and an entourage of Scotland Yard and Federal Bureau of Investigation men.

After posing on the sundeck, Mr. Churchill made a broadcast from the cinema room of the ship.

Cause For Anxiety

Sailing with Mr. Churchill was his wife, his daughter Mary and her husband, Captain Soames, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Churchill.

Asked about reports of fears that France might not be armed quickly enough in the event of an attack, Mr. Churchill said: "All countries on the continent have cause for anxiety."

Mr. Churchill said that England is very grateful for all what America has done for England and Europe but added: "We want to be rid of it (American aid) at the earliest possible moment."—United Press Associated Press and Reuter.

Atom Bomb's Effect On The Skin

San Francisco, April 2.

"Sun tan" effects of atomic warfare and a prediction that scientific "long hairs" will build the world of tomorrow were among the subjects discussed on the final day of the American Chemical Society's national meeting.

Two scientists of the University of California reported on their research in melanism — abnormal blackness of the skin—among the atomic bomb victims in Japan.

Dr. J. DuFrenoy and Dr. M. L. DuFrenoy said the blasts had upset the chemical balance of melanine in the skin, with the result that it darkened the pigmentation of some Japanese and lightened others.—United Press.

Laski's Latest Utterance

Washington, April 3.

Professor Harold Laski, a member of the executive committee of the British Labour Party, said today he believes people "who want to destroy the extreme left" are more a threat to democracy than the extreme left itself.

In a speech at Negro Howard University under the auspices of the Sidney Hillman Foundation, Professor Laski said he thought the structure of democratic commonwealths "is in real peril now. It is in less peril from the extreme left than it is from those who want to destroy the extreme left in order, so they say, to preserve democracy."

A revolution "as wide and deep as that of the Reformation or the French Revolution" is in progress now, he said. "The epoch in American history began in 1933. The old era of unfettered competition will not return unless the institutions of political democracy are overthrown by some catastrophic development."

He said most Americans do not realise how far public ownership or public regulation of private ownership has gone.—United Press.

ABANDONMENT OF JAPAN PART OF U.S. STRATEGY

New York, April 3.

Life Magazine said today that the Army Secretary, Kenneth Royall, was all too right when he inferred in Tokyo that the United States is preparing to withdraw from the Western Pacific in time of trouble there.

Expressing apologies for previous criticism of Mr. Royall's remarks, Life said: "The United States military, with the consent and knowledge of the State Department, has indeed decided to write off China as a total loss: to maintain the present United States position in Japan as long as it is cheap and convenient but not to invest further men, money or effort in strengthening the outer fringe of positions off the coast of Asia as General MacArthur so strongly recommended to Washington three months ago.

"Our planners have gone much further. They are instructing the armed services to regard the United States West Coast as the basic defence frontier in the event of war in or affecting the Pacific which means that the Philippines and hard-won Okinawa as well as Japan are now to lie beyond the area of primary United States concern and efforts.

"This news doubtless comes as a shock to those who, in agreeing or resigned to the write-off of China, have assumed things still would not be too bad if we maintained our positions in Japan and Okinawa and the whole ring of peripheral Pacific bases.

"There can be no quarrel with the decision to create the strongest possible position in Western Europe.

"But the assumption that this decision required the abandonment of so much of the Pacific and Asia is false and foolish."—United Press.

SYRIANS WANTED A CHANGE

London, April 3.

A British diplomat said on arrival from Damascus today that the Syrian military coup was brought on by internal matters—principally the rising cost of living.

The diplomat, who would not permit use of his name, was in Damascus when Colonel Husni El Zaim, Chief of the Army, took control of the Government last Wednesday.

"The people were tired of the dictatorial rule of President Shukri El Kouatli," he said," and the army decided to do something about it.

"The coup was so well organised and carried out that we did not know anything was happening until it was all ever."

The diplomat said the internal conditions in the country had been deteriorating rapidly.

"Principally the rising cost of living was making things difficult for the average Syrian."

He declined any predictions on the outcome of El Zaim's attempts to form a new government.—Associated Press.

MOSCOW ATTACK ON CHURCHILL

Moscow, April 2.

The Soviet press said today that Mr. Winston Churchill was busy in America preaching the necessity of war against the Soviet Union. No reports, however, have yet appeared here on his speech at Boston last Thursday.

Declaring that progressive people in America rejected his "atom bomb policy," the newspapers carried an official Soviet news agency Tass despatch quoting Senator Langer of Dakota denouncing Mr. Churchill as a "cold-blooded foreign propagandist who previously came to the United States in order to start a cold war and now wants to announce the break-up of the United Nations."—Reuter.

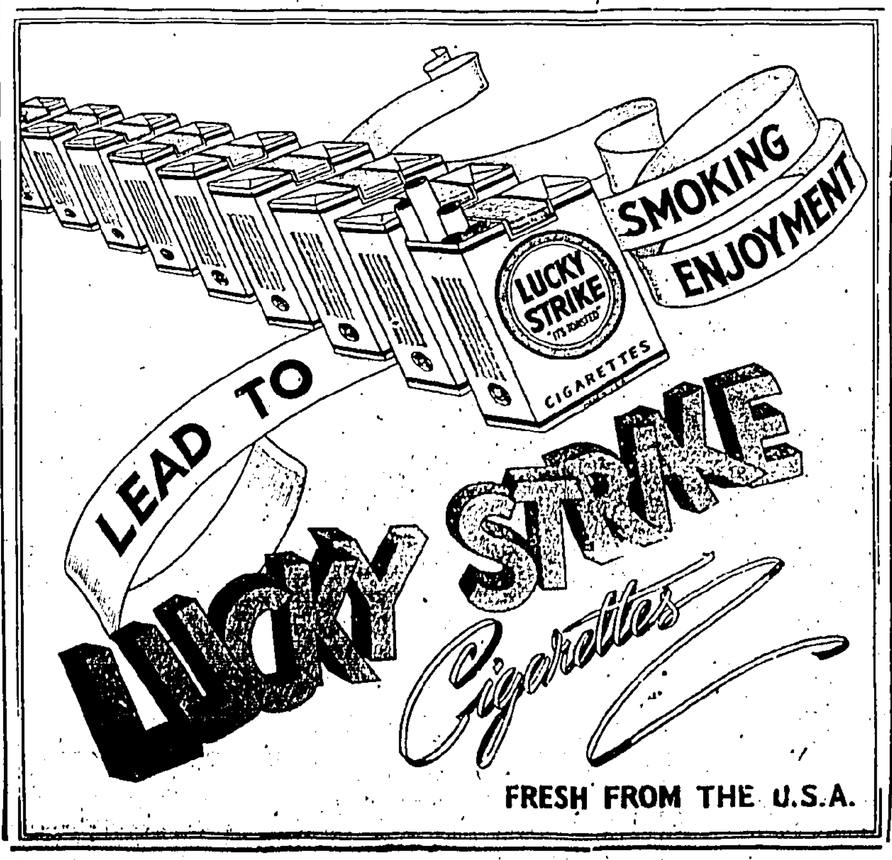
Poland Accuses U.S. Of Sabotage

London, April 3.

A Soviet Tass News Agency report from Warsaw today said the Polish Foreign Minister, Zygmunt Modzelewski, accused the United States of undermining Franch-Polish treaty negotiations and instigating anti-Polish feeling in France.

The dispatch said Modzelewski in a speech to the Polish Parliament charged Poles were being arrested, beaten and exiled to German mines and plants by France and that Polish Miners were dying in French coal mines because of bad safety conditions.

The Tass dispatch, broadcast by Moscow, quoted Mr. Modzelewski as saying that Poland and France appeared ready to sign a friendship alliance in 1947 when American "war mongers" intervened.—United Press.



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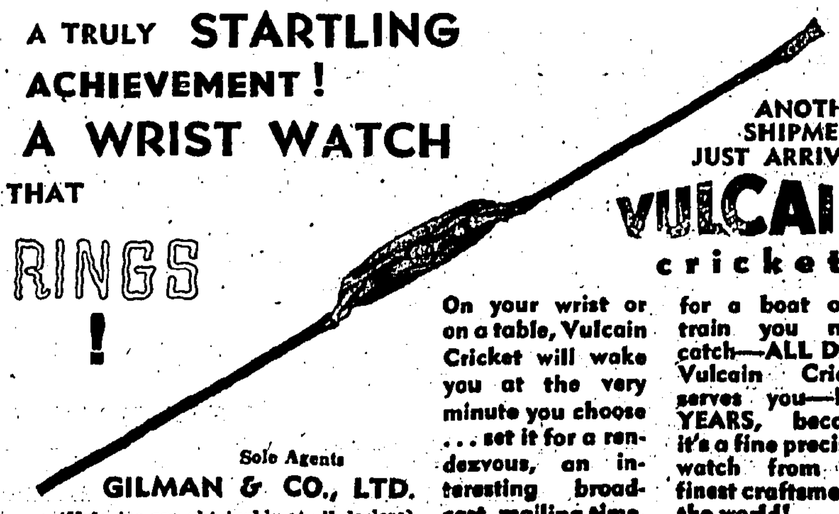

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STIFF ANGLO-U.S. NOTE TO SATELLITE POWERS

Washington, April 3.

The U.S. and Britain yesterday joined in a move toward bringing three Soviet bloc nations to international judgment for notorious flouting of their peace treaty vows.

They sent strongly worded notes to Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania demanding that these Communist-run Governments live up to pledges signed less than two years ago to give their peoples basic human rights and freedoms.

Canada, Australia and New Zealand also supported the action.

Despatch of the notes was a first step toward invoking the machinery for settling disputes which was set up in the peace treaties with the wartime Axis satellites. If this fails, the Western powers could demand action by the United Nations.

The notes took specific exception to Hungary's imprisonment of Catholic Cardinal Nindszenty, Bulgaria's prosecuting of Protestant churchmen and Rumania's jailing of opposition leaders.

The United States charged that each of the three Communist nations has deliberately and systematically denied its people freedom of expression, of press and publication, of religious worship, of political opinion, and of public meeting.

These freedoms were pledged in the peace treaties, which went into effect less than 19 months ago.

Open Defiance

The British notes, sent separately, contained similar charges.

The peace treaties set up this procedure for settling disputes:

The matter is first referred to American, British and Soviet representatives in the satellite capitals.

If they fail to reach agreement within two months, the dispute then may be handed to a three-member commission for settlement. One member would be named by each party to the dispute and a third chosen by mutual agreement, or by the United Nations Secretary-General.

The Commission's decisions is supposed to be binding.

If, as some American officials expect, the Soviet satellites balk at some stage in the proceedings, the Western powers would be in a position to accuse them of open defiance. The United States and Britain then could declare the treaties void or call on the U.N. to enforce the pacts.—Associated Press.

UK TO PAY MORE FOR HER MEAT

Montevideo, April 2.

Uruguay will expect Britain to pay her more for meat if the British negotiators in Buenos Aires agree to the Argentine demands for higher prices, according to observers here.

Like Argentina, Uruguay has failed to fulfil her meat contract with Britain, but she is sending on the balance of 15,500 tons, outstanding for a one year contract for 34,000 tons, at the agreed price.

The price was comparable to that paid to Argentina and Uruguay will still expect equal treatment in any new pact made with Britain, these observers said.

Mr. J. M. Stevens, one of the British negotiating team in Buenos Aires, came here a week ago to discuss preparations for new meat talks between Britain and Uruguay.

(No further developments in the Anglo-Argentine deadlock over prices are expected until Britain has replied to Argentina's note, "liquidating" the Andes agreement, under which about 80,000 tons of meat are still "owing," a Reuter message from Buenos Aires said).—Reuter.

WOMEN'S FEET GETTING BIGGER

London, April 3.

The East Suffolk Women's Institute, in a communication to the Board of Trade said, in effect: "Dash all this daintiness—give us shoes that do not pinch."

Whereupon the Board of Trade measured and confirmed a long standing suspicion the feet of English women are getting bigger and bigger.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN MANOEUVRES IN GERMANY

Heidelberg, April 2.

Some 40,000 American troops are expected to take part in large-scale military manoeuvres in the United States Zone, due to start about April 18.

These manoeuvres will test the tactical and logistical functions of the troops, and will involve the United States forces stationed in an area stretching from Bremerhaven, in the North, to Nuremberg, in the South.

An Army announcement said that practically all troops in the United States European Command would take part.—Reuter.

VIOLENCE IN TAXI STRIKE

New York, April 2.

Police arrested four men today in the first flare-up of violence in the New York taxicab strike which immobilised at least 90 per cent of New York's taxis.

Police said that four striking taxi drivers caused a non-striking driver in Brooklyn to wreck his cab after they boarded it.

Twenty-three arrests have been make since the strike started.

Three thousand extra police continued to man emergency posts to keep the trickle of non-striking cabs moving through the heavily-guarded streets. — Associated Press.

TITO ATTACKS 'LIES' ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA

Belgrade, April 3.

Premier Marshal Tito accused both Western capitalistic powers and Eastern socialist states of "lies and slander" against Yugoslavia.

Marshal Tito took this defiant and independent stand in a speech last Thursday at Brioni Island where he is on holiday. The text was made public here last night.

Bluntly, Marshal Tito said: "The anti-Yugoslav propaganda will not bother us, nor will it make us digress from the road which we are following."

He added he was laughing at the campaign against his Government.

"You have probably heard," he said, "various lies on the terrible 'plots' which are being made in Brioni, that I have had talks here with English and Americans.

"Nonsense"

"These lies are mostly being spread from Trieste but are also being spread through bourgeois capitalist and socialist countries.

"Naturally, I will not have any need to tell you that this is not true, since it is the most ordinary nonsense".

Marshal Tito was addressing a delegation of 150 representatives of Yugoslavia's Croatian, Slovene and Italian populations.

Rumours that Marshal Tito may seek an accord with the West have stemmed in part from signs that other Communist countries are ganging up to put severe economic and other pressure on his regime.—Associated Press.

BELGRADE ACCUSES THE WEST

Belgrade, April 2.

Dr. Ales Bebler, Yugoslav Assistant Foreign Minister, writing in the new English language periodical, Yugoslav Fortnightly, said: "The Western powers say Austria is unable to pay reparations to Yugoslavia, yet she can pay over $40 million in early occupation costs.

"It is considered that Yugoslavia herself can make up the damage done by the Austrians."

Dr. Bebler, who is now in London, accused the Western powers of being biased in favour of Austria in the present London negotiations for an Austrian State treaty.

He said they sought to justify the rejection of the Yugoslav claims to a part of Southern Carinthia by insisting on the validity of the 1920 plebiscite, which gave the territory, with its Slovene inhabitants, to Austria.

"Yet they have agreed to accept all other plebiscites carried out after the first World War—in the Saar, Schleswig and Silesia—as invalid."—Reuter.

IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PACT

Paris, April 2.

M. Paul Boncour, former French Prime Minister, urging French Socialists to face the implications of the Atlantic Pact, said in a speech at Montlucon: "A purely defensive pact, it is nonetheless true that the Atlantic Pact would necessarily involve us were there to be a war between the Soviet Union and the United States.

"It would be necessary to oppose Russian occupation of territories where an American landing might be made. In spite of all atom bombs, it will be necessary to guard the line of the Elbe and of the Rhine. Are we ready?

"To congratulate ourselves on the signature of the Atlantic Pact is well. To put ourselves in a position to carry it out will be better."—Reuter.

Sofia, April 2.

Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia today start negotiations for a 1949 trade agreement. The Czech delegation headed by Jan Pleva arrived on Friday.—Associated Press.

Move To Cut ECA Funds Defeated

Washington, April 2.

U.S. Senate leaders pushed today toward final approval for the U.S.$5,580,000,000 European recovery programme.

A great many amendments that would change the programme's policy lay ahead, but what was probably the biggest threat to the bill for a second year Marshall plan was smashed last night. That was the proposal of Senators Robert Taft, Ohio Republican, and Richard Russell, Georgia Democrat, to reduce the cash outlays for foreign aid by 10 per cent.

The Senate beat back their amendment by a 54-23 vote. But because of the stack of amendments still awaiting action, there was a chance final vote would be delayed until next week. In any case, Democratic leader Scott Lucas of Illinois said all remaining amendments seemed sure to be defeated.

Lucas said he was surprised at the margin by which the economy move lost out, and added "the psychological effect throughout the world will be tremendous. The Communists can not use this for propaganda and they cannot say we welshed on our promises to Europe."

Senator Harry Byrd, Virginia Democrat, told a reporter the vote probably seals off any efforts to cut the budget this year.

He discounted the promise by Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, that the Appropriations Committee will have a free hand to cut actual cash outlays on the aid bill.—Associated Press.

Storm Over Jet Supply To Russia

Washington, April 3.

The Secretary of Defence, Louis Johnson, today informed the Senate that Britain has shipped no jet aircraft engines to Russia or its satellites since December, 1947.

He said that jet engines were sold and delivered behind the Iron Curtain after the end of World War II, but since the end of 1947 Britain had rejected requests for such further shipments.

His views, contained in a letter to Chairman Pat McCarran of the joint Congressional "Watchdog" Committee on Foreign Aid, were read to the Senate as it met in an effort to speed up action on the $5,580,000,000 Marshall plan renewal bill.

Senator McCarran told the Senate that Mr. Johnson's statement comprised a complete refutation of press despatches and remarks on the Senate floor, alleging recent British shipments of jet engines.

But Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, member of the Foreign Relations Committee, took issue with Senator McCarran's statement that he considered the issue closed.

He said: "At a proper time I will question the attitude and conduct of the British prior to January 1, 1948, regarding manipulations and transfer of jet engines prior to that time."

The Senate considered 32 amendments offered to the ECA renewal bill.

Democratic leader Scott Lucas said he would keep the members at work until late in the afternoon in an effort to dispose of two or three amendments.—United Press.

Guardsman To Go Free

London, April 2.

A Guardsman, aged 19, court-martialled and condemned to death for the murder of a German caretaker, is to be freed at once, neither the finding nor the sentence having been confirmed by the King, the War Office announced today.

The Guardsman, James John Alcott, was found guilty of the murder of Peter Helm, found beaten to death last September, after a four-day court martial at Bielefeld, Germany.

Confirmation of the sentence was recommended by the Commander of the British Army of the Rhine but all death sentences in the armed forces are finally subject to Royal confirmation in peacetime. In this case such confirmation was withheld.—Reuter.

Harriman Defends ERP Spending

Copenhagen, April 2.

Mr. Averill Harriman, special Marshall Aid representative in Europe, said here today that what was being done by the various Governments taking part in the Marshall Plan is the affair only of those Governments themselves.

He was replying at a press conference to a request for comment on complaints of American businessmen that Marshall dollars were being used to further socialisation programmes in Britain.

Mr. Harriman, who was spending a day here on his way to Paris, thought the reason why the United States had been more successful than other countries was that America was a free trading area.

In a comment on the stopping of United States shipping of potential war material to the Soviet Union, Mr. Harriman declared: "The United States Government has always encouraged free trade between East and West. As the result of the Soviet Government's aggressive attitude, however, the United States has stopped the shipment of arms and war potentials."

Mr. Harriman claimed that the results of the first year of the Marshall Plan in Europe were very encouraging.

Industrial production had increased by 15 per cent., he said.

"The Marshall Plan can lead to a prosperity which Europe has never known before," he stated.

Tonight Mr. Harriman will meet a number of leading Danish political figures including the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

European Reds To Be Tried?

Moscow, April 2.

Moscow newspapers today gave prominence to a report quoted from the Czechoslovak Socialist Party newspaper "Svolodnoe Slovo," that the Western Powers have decided to stage two trials in Europe of Communist leaders similar to the present trial of Communists in the United States.

The decision, the report said, was made at a recent ambassadors' meeting in Washington.

The trials be held "to compromise Communist parties and organisations sympathising with them", and to show that Communist parties were engaged in treasonable activities at the orders of a foreign State, the report said.

The American State Department promised full support in providing "compromising material" in any State which decides to stage such a trial, the report added.

CHINA GROUP IN LONDON

London, April 3.

The China Committee in London today revealed the remarkable strengthening of cultural bonds between Britain and China.

One result of this has been that during the past four terms, both the teaching force and the student body in Chinese at Oxford have been increased.

An outstanding step, however, is that the University has established a Chinese Faculty Library where students can have ready access to Chinese books and the help needed for scholarly work in Chinese.

The University proposes to develop a Chinese school using Oxford grants. Concentration will be on the Chinese classical language in which are enshrined China's literary, philosophical and historical treasures of scholarship. Each man is required to read Chinese philosophy, classics, poetry and history, together with works in the modern colloquial style.

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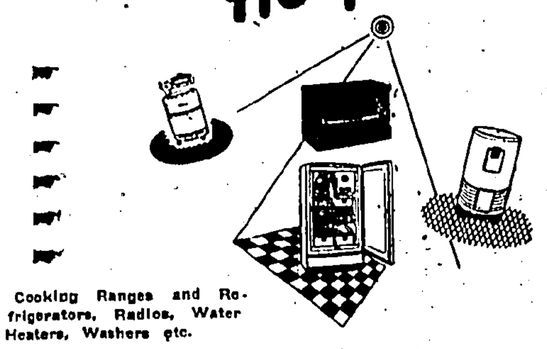

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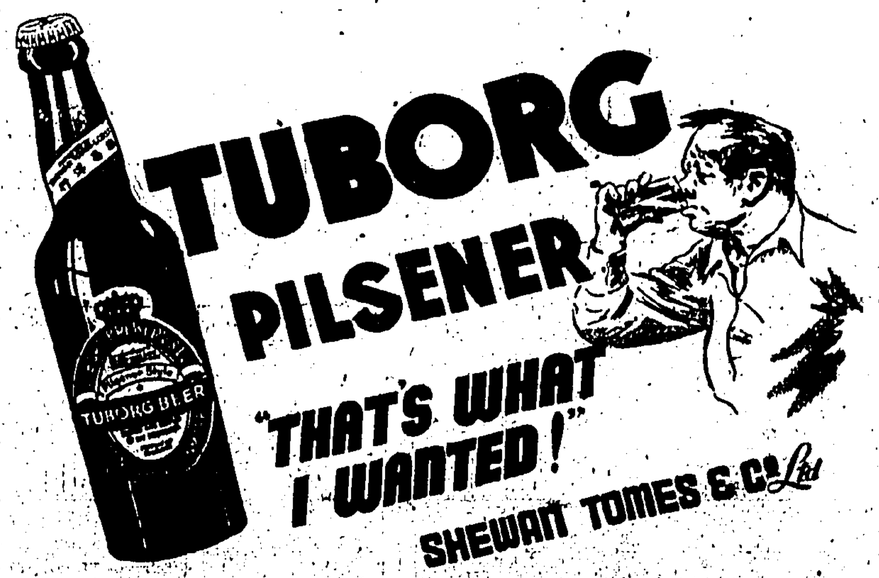

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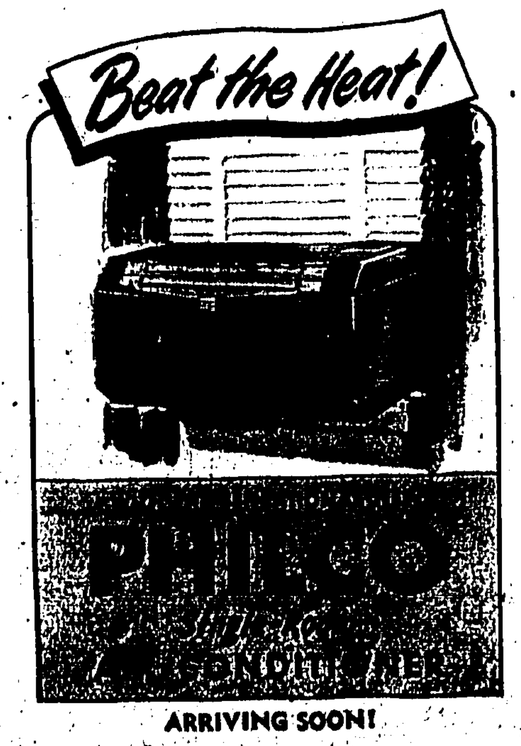

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PRAGUE REJECTS BRITISH PROTEST IN WILDASH CASE

Prague, April 2.

Czechoslovakia today rejected a British protest over the detention last week of Captain Phillip Wildash, British Military Permit Officer here.

The Czech note asked Britain to ensure that "diplomatic personnel should no more misuse their official positions for hostile activity."

It repeated charges made in a Czech press statement last week, after Captain Wildash had been questioned for some hours by the Czech police, who charged him with having attempted to foster an anti-State underground movement among the Czechs.

He was released after several hours, and given 24 hours to get out of the country.

The Czech Government in its reply to the British protest said: "It is necessary to reject categorically as a gross untruth the allegation especially mentioned in the note of the British Ambassador according to which Mr. Wildash was threatened with the locking up of his wife if he refused to answer the charges."

The note said that when Mr. Wildash declined to make a statement he was confronted with one of the men alleged to be involved in anti-Republic activity.

"The same witness also told Mr. Wildash to his face that Mr. Wildash promised he would help in the illegal arrival of a former Czechoslovak general from abroad, who was to direct the armed action.

"It is, therefore, clear that Mr. Wildash was charged with the crime of scheming against the Republic. Mr. Wildash neither confirmed these charges nor expressed himself in any other way.

"In view of these serious and proved activities of Mr. Wildash, the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs considers the British note completely out of place and does not accept it."

The note requested that Mr. Wildash should be recalled.—Reuter.

Indian Pays Tribute To Britain

London, April 2.

Benegal Shiva Rao, Indian delegate to the United Nations, said today that India must have a common policy with Britain in relation to Asia and Africa.

Addressing a meeting of the Indian Committee for World Affairs, Rao said that Britain is the largest and most progressive colonial power in the world.

Regarding India's policy in the United Nations, he said: "We want an honest policy from all colonial powers to prepare colonial countries and people for the attainment of self-government. In this respect, India must have a common policy with Britain in relation to Asia and Africa.
—United Press.

GIRL 'AGED 11' GIVES BIRTH

Washington, April 2.

A girl aged 11 gave birth to a three pound 15-ounce baby boy in Gallinger hospital. The mother and child are doing well.

The baby is to remain in an incubator until he weighs five and a half pounds.—Associated Press.

GENERAL SMUTS ON EASTERN TRAGEDY

Capetown, April 3.

The experience of Burma and Indonesia suggests that the Asiatic has not learned enough under white leadership to carry on where the white man left off.

General Smuts, former South African Premier and now Opposition leader, said this to the "Johannesburg Star" today.

There is the prospect of Asia becoming a sort of lost continent, he said, eddying in its own confusions and becoming a prey to revolution and counter-revolution, pestilence and famine.

This would immediately affect the West.

"In fact, it is perhaps the greatest tragedy before the world in the near future," he said.

GENERAL SMUTS

The same fate would befall Africa if the white man withdrew from it. African natives had learned to talk the language of the West but language was not the same as leadership or government.

In Africa the European communities, with their heavy responsibilities in this respect, were sharply divided.

"If Africa is to be saved from Communism and anarchy, the gap between differing native policies will have to be bridged. The Union of South Africa will have to play its part in this co-ordination of policy."

General Smuts declared that world-wide developments in the Communist "cold war" were unfolding faster than people could think.

"While we are thinking in terms of yesterday, the world is acting in terms of today and tomorrow.

"That is why I say: 'Burn your books'. There is no written precedent on which you can rely. This is an entirely new situation which civilisation as we know it is facing. We just have to watch, to be firm, to be prepared for possible developments, and to trust in our vigilance, and intelligence, and strength, and the inspiration of our fundamental ideas."

Atlantic Pact

General Smuts said that the Atlantic Pact would inevitably take in Africa eventually.

The Pact, he added, was a necessary defensive complement to Western Union and the European Recovery Programme.

Although the Pact was established as a regional scheme in terms of the United Nations Charter, it would become in effect a practical replacement of the United Nations Security Council.

The United Nations, he said, had been made virtually unworkable for security purposes.

Without the Pact, he declared, Russia could advance to the shores of the Atlantic in a fortnight. There was nothing to stop her.

Russia, checked and frustrated in the West, was turning to the East where another entirely new situation was arising.—Reuter.

Agreement Reached At Rhodes

Rhodes, April 2.

An armistice agreement between Transjordan and Israel will probably be signed tomorrow night, United Nations Headquarters here announced tonight.

The leaders of the two delegations smoothed out all outstanding differences this afternoon and informed Dr. Ralph Bunche, Acting Mediator, that they had reached agreement.

Tonight, Dr. Bunche was busily drafting a final armistice agreement and marking maps. This was expected to take all night to complete.

The agreement was reached soon after the chief Transjordan delegate, Colonel Ahmed El Jundi, had returned from Amman in Dr. Bunche's special plane.

He had spent three days conferring with King Abdullah and his Government.

Mr. Rouvain Shiloah, chief Israeli delegate, who returned to Rhodes from Tel Aviv yesterday, said tonight that two commissions—one military and one semi-military—would be set up to deal with outstanding problems for the Jerusalem area.—Reuter.

EXPLOSION IN RAF PLANE

Dusseldorf, April 2.

The pilot and navigator of a Royal Air Force Mosquito on a meterological flight from Cologne baled out at 23,000 feet when the plane caught fire. It was completely destroyed on crashing in a Dusseldorf suburban garden.

The pilot, A. L. Cocks, said that an explosion in the cockpit caused the fire.—Reuter.

Germany A Poor Risk

Frankurt, April 2.

Western Germany will be a poor risk for foreign capital investments for years to come, according to Norman Bollison, chief of the ECA mission here.

He predicted that foreigners would soon be allowed to invest, but told a press conference the amount probably would be a trickle, not a flood.

Bollison listed these influences as discouraging foreign investors: Germany is occupied and its affairs will be settled by outsiders for years to come; the currency is backed by nothing but the integrity of the German people; the economy is still collapsed.

He said the question of allowable industry production levels and the regaining of old markets is still open, while cities and factories must be almost completely rebuilt.—United Press.

Indian Minister To Make Tour

New Delhi, April 2.

The Deputy Foreign Minister, B. Y. Keskar, will shortly pay a routine visit to certain places in South East Asia where India's representatives are stationed.

Rangoon, Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon will be visited.

Informed sources, however, indicated that the purposes of the visit will include: (1) to study the position of Indians and their property rights in Burma, Malaya, Siam and Indochina; (2) to develop closer intimate contacts between the governments of these countries in pursuance of the Nehru Government's foreign policy in the South East Asian region and (3) to discuss problems of common interest, including the spread of Communism and measures to be taken to tackle lawlessness.

The visit to Burma will include a continuation of the discussion initiated in the recent Delhi Conference on Burma and how the West and India can help to restore normal conditions in Burma.

An Indian liaison officer, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel will shortly be appointed in Rangoon to maintain the closest touch with the Burmese military staff to: (1) safeguard the 700,000 Indians in Burma; (2) to facilitate the effort of India to get rice from the fighting areas.

Mr. Keskar will be leaving India in mid-April on his three-week tour.—Associated Press.

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There is an eight year old girl who can use her feet for all purposes. Her hands have only two fingers. Next is the fat midget woman. She is about 28 years old, two feet high and weighs 100 lbs. Third comes the peanut head man. He is reported to be about 30 years old and his head no larger than a tea cup. The fourth has an extra size in head.

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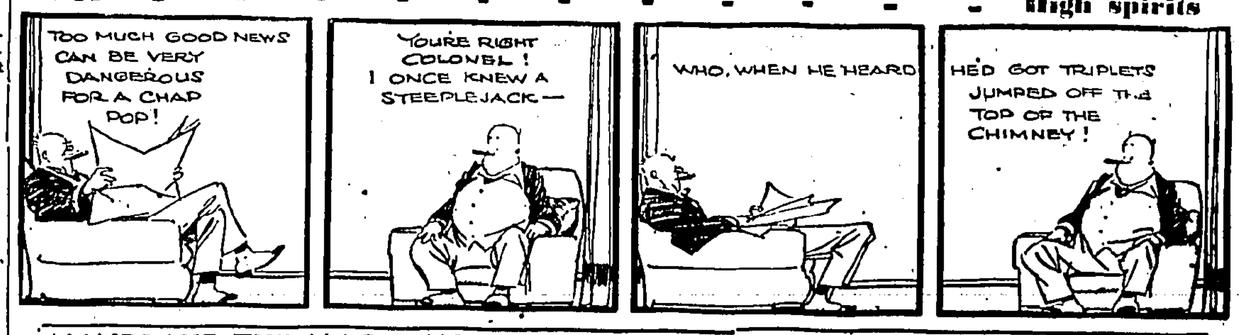

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

PHILIPPINES ANGLING FOR U.S. INVESTMENTS

Manila, April 3.

Wanted: an angel. This sign has been out for American investors from the time the Philippines became independent almost three years ago. It still is an open invitation for private American dollars to develop Filipino resources.

To make private investment more attractive, Filipinos reduced their admission prices until 1947 for Americans only.

They changed their Constitution over the protests of the Nationalists to give Americans the same opportunities as Filipinos in developing the Islands' gold, chrome, copper and other mineral deposits, cut into great hardwood timber stands, exploit water power and other natural resources.

This was called the Parity Act and Filipinos thought that it was a sure attraction. But instead of standing room only, Filipinos found their production was a dud. American capital went elsewhere. It didn't come here. It has been embarrassingly apparent to Government leaders that something else was needed.

About the only people it did not perturb were the Communists, who went ahead with their propaganda line about Wall Street imperialists weaving a web around the Republic. The line does not fit the facts and that may explain the failure of the Communists to make as much headway as elsewhere in South East Asia.

U.S. Concern

The Government, however, is worried over the report of its National Economic Council.

The Council's Control Committee reported to President Elipido Quirino that serious concern had arisen in the United States on indications that the Philippines' theoretical system of free enterprise is being largely replaced by a nationalistic programme.

The Council said feeling existed that private enterprise is unduly restricted by Government competition and regulation.

The Council said this view seemed to have gained wide belief and had discouraged investment of foreign and domestic capital. The Council pointed out that Government corporations are primarily designed to stimulate business activity in lines where private enterprise is incapable, unwilling or hesitant to venture.

The President mulled over the report and has yet to release it to the public. But he did act boldly.

Qualified Offer

He has announced that the Philippine Government is ready to step out of its profitable enterprises and is willing to sell them outright or lease to private concerns. This offer extended from the Government-owned Manila Hotel to sugar refineries, textile mills, lumber and paper mills and even to the Manila International Airport.

President Quirino qualified his offer by announcing the Government would hold on to rice and corn distributing agencies and to the profitable cement plant in Cebu. All three were designed to keep the cost of living and reconstruction down.

The Government has withdrawn from the logging enterprise in Augusan Valley on Mindanao and stopped competitive sales of hollow building bricks.—Associated Press.

RATE FOR IMPORTS TO JAPAN

Tokyo, April 2.

The Japanese Board of Trade announced, effective today, its own new single conversion rate of 330 yen to US$1.00 on all textile raw material imports for allocation to Japanese manufacturers.

Simultaneously the Board of Trade announced three conversion rates, also effective immediately, on exports of textile goods. They are 330 yen, 350 yen and 420 yen to the dollar depending on the categories of the textiles. They replace the two old rates of 330 yen and 420 yen to the dollar.

An overall official single foreign exchange rate has not yet been established by General MacArthur's headquarters.

Meanwhile, in Washington, informed sources believe a single exchange rate for the yen will be established by the coming summer.

They said the officials have not yet decided on what the rate will be. In any case it will be a closely guarded secret until officially announced. They said it is impossible to put a timetable on yen rate establishment because it involves so many factors of not only Japanese but United States and world economy.

Some sources interpreted the reports from Tokyo that General MacArthur said he would announce later an exchange rate between the dollar and yen to mean an announcement was imminent They believe it would be set by summer time.—United Press.

Threat To American Textiles

Palm Beach, April 3.

The American Cotton Manufacturers' Association yesterday urged the Economic Co-operation Administration to do something to prevent imported textiles from flooding into the U.S.

The Association adopted a resolution saying the apparent U.S. foreign trade policy of providing modern equipment to low wage foreign industries is a direct threat to employment of hundreds of thousands of American textile workers.

Industry spokesmen said it was a threat to the industrial future of the Southern U.S. The spokesmen suggested rehabilitation of war-torn nations could be accomplished without placing too great a burden on a single segment of American industry or a single region of the U.S.

They said cotton manufacturers are also disturbed by aspects of U.S. trade policy which tend to make American markets more readily accessible to foreign textiles. In recent months there has been a sharp decline of U.S. textile exports.—Associated Press.

Bank Clerks On Strike

Rome, April 2.

Seven thousand employees of the National Bank of Italy went out on strike today to demand higher wages from Italy's leading financial institution.

Bank officials said the walkout did not seriously affect financial operations due to the midday closing time of all Italian banks. However, if it continued for several more days, operations would be seriously curtailed.

The National Bank handles all Italian Treasury finances and State payments to all government and military personnel.—United Press.

FOUR SHIPS IN LONG TESTS

London, April 2.

Four of the newest British ships on the Far East run are to take part in protracted trials to determine the relative merits of steam turbine and motor ships.

The P. and O. turbine cargo liner Shillong of 9,000 tons gross left Southampton today with a large cargo for the Far East ports. She is the sister ship of the Surat.

Both the ships have accommodation for 12 passengers as well as cargo and both were built on the river Tyne by Vickers-Armstrong.

On the trials they attained a mean speed of over 21 knots. That makes them among the fastest if not the fastest single screw turbines afloat.

Changing The Face Of Europe

London, April 2.

Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in recorded speech broadcast today that the results of America's Foreign Assistance Act marked a new step forward in the history of world civilisation and had enabled a victory to be won in the "cold war".

American—European economic co-operation, he said, had without doubt changed the whole face of Europe.

As a result of the economic improvement brought about by Marshall Aid, the Chancellor added, there had been a great strengthening of the democratic forces and a weakening of the disruptive forces of Communism.

Sir Stafford, whose speech was broadcast by the American Overseas Broadcasting system to mark the anniversary of E.R.P., concluded: "A movement has been started which holds out the greatest dopes and prospects the future happiness of the world."—Reuter.

GOLD OUTPUT INCREASING

Washington, April 3.

World gold production has increased moderately in the last three years, the International Monetary Fund says.

The increase came despite a drop in the output of the Union of South Africa, the world's biggest gold producer.

World gold production reached a peak of US$1,253,000,000 in 1944. It dropped to $742,000,000 in 1945 but since then has risen steadily.

The fund estimated that $764,000,000 worth, measured at the rate of $33 an ounce, was mined in 1947. No estimate was made for last year. The total excludes Russia.—Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 3.

Gold shares led the stock market toward faint signs of a rally yesterday. Some gold stocks hit new highs for the year in comparatively active trading. Elsewhere the trend was upward, but there was no drive behind buying.

Of 694 issues traded, 315 advanced, 161 declined. 360,000 shares changed hands. Gold stocks closing at peak prices included Homestake Mining up 1⅝ at 41⅛; McIntyre Porcupine up one at 53; Dome Mines up 1¼ at 17; Sunshine up ½ at 9⅞; South American Gold and Platinum up ⅛ at 4⅛.

U.S. Smelting and Refining gained two at 43½.

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General Public Utilities: 12⅜

—Associated Press.

WORLD SUGAR PRODUCTION

Washington, April 2.

World sugar production for the 1948-1949 season now is estimated at a record 37,989,000 tons, the U.S. Agriculture Department reported today.

This is 11 per cent higher than the previous season's total and nine per cent higher than the pre-war (1935 through 1939) average.

In a quarterly review of the sugar situation, the department said that the world supply in the season ahead may be a little smaller. But it predicted that supply will be considerably larger than demand, and that prices may drop further this year.

Only three important producing areas showed declines in output this season: the United States beet area, Cuba and Argentinta. Production in the latter two areas, however, was substantially greater than in pre-war years.—Associated Press.

More Recovery Funds Approved

Washington, April 2.

New Marshall Plan shipments which taken another $19,431,000 bite out of the almost exhausted first year recovery funds were approved by the ECA yesterday.

The Netherlands obtained the largest slice, $9,068,000 worth of copper, lead and other metals from the U.S. and Latin America.

Total aid to date now is $5,022,224,000 for Europe and China.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, April 3.

Steamer Bateway City arrived from Yokohama. Gen. William O. Darby sailed for Yokohama.

San Francisco:—Steamer Gen. A. W. Greeley sailed on Friday for Yokohama, Lakeland and British motorship Agamemnon for Manila.—Associated Press.

U.S. BANK IN BANGKOK

San Francisco, April 2.

It was announced today that the establishment of the Bank of America branch in Bangkok, Siam; has been granted by the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. A. L. Giannini, President of the Bank, said an early opening of the branch is expected, with the Bank's Far Eastern representative already in Bangkok to make final arrangements with the Siamese Government.—United Press.

STASSEN SCHEME GETS A GOOD RECEPTION

Tokyo, April 3.

Mr. Harold Stassen's suggestion for establishment of a "MacArthur Plan" for Asia was well received here today by most American, Japanese and Allied diplomatic circles.

Some quarters expressed the view that a US$1,999,000,000 a year Asia Aid Programme could well be tied in with the Pacific Pact suggested by President Elipio Quirino of the Philippines.

Mr. Stassen's suggestion revived speculation and hope about the possibility of General MacArthur being named as Ambassador at large for this part of the world with one of his duties that of supervising an American Aid Programme for Asia.

Most diplomats and Allied officials here said they wanted more time to think about the idea before making any public comment on the plan.

Generally speaking, however, they tended to support a "MacArthur Plan" because of the following reasons:

Spreading Faster

1. It is foolish to believe the World's ills can be cured by merely doctoring sores on one side of the globe;

2. A "stop Communism" programme for Europe is useless unless similar steps are taken in Asia;

3. There are more people in Asia and they have been hungrier longer than Europeans;

4. Communism is spreading faster in Asia today than in Europe;

5. A little aid in Asia will bring big results;

6. With the world choosing sides, the vast resources of Asiatic manpower must not be overlooked.—United Press.

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s.s. "CARTHAGE"	18th May	18th June
s.s. "CORFU"	9th June	11th July
s.s. "CANTON"	8th July	8th August
s.s. "CARTHAGE"	5th August	5th September
s.s. "CORFU"	2nd September	3rd October

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said.

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HONGKONG—MANILA—CHINA SERVICE

"TASMAN"	from Manila & Amoy 7th April.	to Manila & Amoy 20th April.

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	Arrivals	Sailings
"VAN HEUTSZ"	In port	to Straits & B. Deli 3rd April.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Deli & Straits 8th April.	to B. Deli & Straits 17th April.

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	Arrivals	Sailings
'STRAAT MALAKKA'	In port	to East & South Africa & South America, 3rd April.
'BOISSEVAIN'	from South America & South Africa, 9th April.	to Japan 10th April. to East & South Africa & South America, 30th April.
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Port Notes

Before the end of the year, the most modern and luxurious passenger-freight vessel for services in the Far East will be based here.

The christening may be held in our Harbour.

The vessel is expected to be completed in Europe within the next two months. Although the name has not yet been disclosed, it is believed she will take the name of a Chinese city.

To be operated by one of our prominent shipping firms, she she will have the most up-to-date equipment and furnishings. All entertainment facilities, at present confined only to larger Trans-Pacific and Trans-Atlantic and round-the-world vessels, will also be provided.

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On and off the arrival of a ship from the China Coast does Gospel the lethargy enveloping the Harbour.

Two local British steamers did it within three days during the week on their arrivals, bringing the first few foreigners and cargo from the Chinese Red-occupied city of Tientsin.

The Butterfield and Swire Hanyang (March 31) was the first ship to "evacuate" foreigners from the Red-held city and the Jardine, Matheson Esang (April 2) was the first to take out Red cargo to Hong Kong.

"How's Tientsin? How did the Reds treat foreigners?"—were echoed in five languages at the wharves, as relatives and friends (not forgetting the Press) besieged the arrivals.

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The river craft Kwan Lui is due to leave today with a group of fitters, engineers and mechanics for the Elliot Barrier to help salvage the ill-fated Miss Orient.

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This month will see more "gobs" parading our streets and so will we hear the familiar cry of "cum shaw" of street urchins as they surround every sailor they see.

Local schedules have the U.S. Destroyer Rogers (April 5), U.S. Destroyer Tucker (April 8), U.S. Cruiser Springfield (April 14) and U.S. Tanker Chikaskia (April 24). More may be visiting us.

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Of particular interest to local fishery circles is that huge, solid looking craft now lying idly in the Dangerous Cargo Area.

The concrete ship Feldspar, towed here from Manila with the original purpose of being used as a dangerous goods storage, can be equipped with refrigerating system and used as a cold storage vessel.

The owners report that with her facilities for cold storage, the Feldspar is an ideal craft as a mother ship in a large fishing fleet for maintenance, accommodation, storage and even refuge in time of bad weather.

VISITORS

The President Cleveland brought two APL officials from the States, one of whom is Mr. Edwin C. Bogle, APL Executive, Far Eastern Division, returning after home leave with his wife.

Mr. P.C. Quock, APL's San Francisco Chinese General Agent, is visiting the Orient on a business trip.

One of the Colony's port landmarks is the Hong Kong-Yaumati Ferry Pier at Connaught Road, opposite the Fire Brigade Building, which besides serving as the base of the company's ferry launches, operating its six routes, is also the terminus of the island's bus system. Built at a cost of about $2,000,000, 30 years ago, this Pier can accommodate five launches at a time, and an average of 100,000 persons cross or land here daily. ("China Mail" photo)

History Of The Colony's Ferries

Maintaining the lifeline between the Island and Kowloon today are 12 ferry services which carry to and fro among them tens of thousands of commuters daily.

Four main services and one baby system operate inside the Harbour, while seven serve the outlying districts and islands from the Colony.

Of the existing systems, the Star Ferry is the Colony's oldest organisation, dating as far back as 50 years, when the mainland was in its infancy.

It was during the period when harbour crossers had to depend on the weather to go over in sampans and small motor boats, which provide poor shelter from the elements, that a Parsee businessman began the first ferry service, operating with two small steam boats using the present sites of the Star Ferry piers.

From that modest beginning, the Star Ferry grew to become Hong Kong's largest and most modern private ferry company today. With the increase in the volume of traffic, the company built a ferry pier in Hong Kong and leased from the Hong Kong and Kowloon Godowns the ferry pier on the mainland.

Today the outgrowth of the two-craft service carries tens of thousand of commuters, and statistics of 1948 gave the following figures: Passengers ferried per day—90,000; 28,000,000 persons were ferried in 108,000 crossings in the year.

About 10 years after the inauguration of the Star Ferry service, 16 steam launch companies ran a considerable number of small steam launches between the Yaumati District and the Island. The Kowloon pier was then just opposite the former Kowloon Magistracy, while the other end was at the end of Jubilee Street.

In Armchairs

Believe it or not, the vessels operated at three to five minute intervals. The first class accommodation was about half a dozen rattan armchairs clustered around the bow and the rest crowded along the other parts of the deck. The fare was 10 cents first-class, collected by a member of the crew en route.

Some time at the end of the first world war, the Government resumed the two ferry piers used by the small launch companies, created a franchise for the ferry service and built two new piers at Queen Victoria Street (Hong Kong) and Public Square Street (Kowloon). These two are still in existence and used as Government piers.

The successful tenderer for the first Government ferry service was the Kowloon Sze Youk Ferry Company, which operated some larger and better launches. The company also managed the Mongkok and Shamshuipo services, running between Pottinger Street (Hong Kong) and an old pier at Shantung Street (Mongkok) and from Hong Kong to an old pier at Nam Chang Street (Shamshuipo).

In January, 1924, the Hong Kong-Yaumati Ferry Company was awarded the franchise to operate the two services, and the company immediately built some new craft, including four steel double-enders, and successfully carried on until 1932, when they were given another franchise to operate their present Vehicular Ferry service.

Vehicular Ferry

This company grew to become the Colony's largest Government ferry system, and carries an average of 100,000 fares a day between 6 a.m. and midnight.

The present Vehicular Pier opposite the Fire Brigade Building was constructed at a cost of about $2,000,000 and can accommodate five launches at one time. Six routes originate from this pier.

There is another group of ferry services between Hong Kong and Hunghom, Hong Kong and Kowloon City and Hunghom and Sai Wan Ho (near Taikoo Docks). These services were originally run by the Eastern Ferry Company, but were subsequently taken over by the Yaumati Ferry Company in 1928.

The piers are now unserviceable, being damaged or destroyed during the Japanese occupation.

There is another group of important services between the Colony and the outlying districts and islands of Cheung Chau, Ping Chau, Tai-O and Castle Peak.

Mirs Bay

One small service operates from Taipo to the islands in the Mirs Bay and then on to Chinese territory. Two other services run between Hong Kong and Deep Bay. These vessels bring in a considerable quantity of vegetables and produce.

Before the war, there was a ferry service between Hong Kong and Aberdeen, which was discontinued since the war.

A small ferry system has just been inaugurated between Shaukiwan and the new APC site at Kun Tong. The franchise was awarded last year and it is being maintained with two small motor boats by a private owner.

Of the 12 services, the Yaumati Ferry Company operates six, three of which are among the Harbour's main services.

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WHO'S WHO

History has said enough about the Bolshevik rise to power early in the century, but we have here the experiences of a local boy who was in the throes of it all.

"It was in the days when the Bolsheviks and the "Whites" were massacring each other and when the Allied intervention in Siberia led to stepped-up violence which engulfed the major part of the Russian Far East population," recalls Hong Kong—born A. S. Hassan, veteran engineer of the Vladivostok-China Coast run.

A former student of Queen's College, Mr. Hassan took to sea in 1922 as engineer of the ss Lorestan, plying then between Shanghai and Russia ports for nearly three years.

The Lorestan was engaged in ferrying Chinese labour to Eastern Siberia and "evacuating" emigrants from Russia to China.

"We carried hundreds of refugees and Chinese labourers to and fro for about three years," the local Malay seamen, one of the few domiciled here, said.

"Once when we were in the Russian counterpart of the Des Voeux Road "On Lok Yuen Cafe" a group of Bolsheviks raided the bar and shot in cold blood more than five Tzarists. Heralding their sudden entry the Reds scared the crowd with gun fire and each person had to identify himself. Because I possessed a British passport, I was released but not before an old Russian near me was shot dead point-blank.

"In those days, thugs roamed the streets at night, murdering foreigners, especially the then much-hated Japanese. We were advised to carry a long stick across

MR. A. "SONNY" HASSAN

the shoulder to thwart any attempt should we venture forth at night. The instrument used by the thugs consisted of two wooden boards, bristling with nails on the inside which would be clamped over the head, choking the victim's neck.

"We saw many dead bodies here and there with mutilated necks," Mr. Hassan remarked.

"Morality was apparently very low then; many girls spent most of their time besieging bars, restaurants and the waterfronts. The Japanese yen was the common currency used. The Russian roubles were virtually valueless.

"Chinese merchants maintained their own personal guards. One would have about 10 armed men around him.

"It was also in the days when a little knowledge of Japanese would command reluctant respect from the 'natives' Japanese soldiers filled many places in Vladivostok at that period," Mr. Hassan concluded.

The veteran is meanwhile taking a short vacation, but he will jump at the first opportunity to go to sea again, he declared.

ON LEAVE

One of our popular shipping men left for home leave yesterday by the President Cleveland.

Accompanied by his wife, J.W. Clague, Passenger Agent of the American President Line, Hong Kong Office, will spend six months of well-earned rest at Home, before returning here late this year.

Mr. Clague has been with the APL since 1921. He has served in many of the APL Far East offices. He arrived here in 1937.

During the occupation, he was at Stanley for about six months, before the exchange of internees took him Home.

After the war, he returned in 1946 by the first American ship to call here, the APL's President Grant.

His son, Bill, a graduate of the King George V, Kowloon, is now practising in Modesto, California. He is an "M.D." graduate of Stanford.

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"President Buchanan"	Apr. 8
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ARRIVING FROM SAN FRANCISCO

"Arcadia Victory"	Apr. 17
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"BENWYVIS"	U.K. " "	" 2nd half Apr.
"BENLEDI"	U.K. " "	Early May.
"BENRINNES"	U.K. " "	1st half May.
"BENAVON"	U.K. " "	2nd half May.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
¶"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Havre. Antwerp, Rotterdam Hamburg.	Abt. 10th April.
"BENMACDHUI" "BENAVON"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hull.	Abt. 15th April. 2nd half May.
¶"BENWYVIS"	Genoa, London, Hull & Leith.	Abt. end April
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Lt de LATOUR	Europe	Beg. May
STE. MERE EGLISE	Europe	End of May.

SAILING TO

St. MICHEL	Haiphong & Saigon	on/or about April 9.
CHAMPOLLION	Shanghai	on/or about April 19.
MORTAIN	Japan	April 26.
CHAMPOLLION	Marseilles via Saigon	on/or about April 26.
MORTAIN	North Africa & Europe	Mid. May
Lt de LATOUR	North Africa & Europe	Beg. June
STE. MERE EGLISE	Japan	Mid. June
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HAI LEE (Thoresen) ex-Swatow B3
JULIA LUCKENBACH (USL) ex-San Francisco A10
NOREVERETT (Everett) ex-Kobe .. B9
POLTAVA (Wallem) ..... T. Dk.
SELMA SALEN (Hunt) ex-Bangkok, A11

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 1.45 p.m., 6 p.m.; ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12 noon, 1.30 p.m., 3.50 p.m., 4.55 p.m., 6.10 p.m.; ex-Foochow via Taipeh: 6.15 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 12.45 p.m., 5.15 p.m.; ex-Taipeh: 5.15 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
BOAC ex-Tokyo, Shanghai: 3 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Oslo, Bangkok: 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 12.30 p.m.
CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 1.45 p.m.; ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12 noon, 1.30 p.m., 3.50 p.m., 4.55 p.m., 6.10 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 12.45 p.m., 4.25 p.m.
CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 6.20 p.m.; ex-Kunming via Liuchow, Canton: 6.30 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
BOAC ex-Southampton, Bangkok: 4 p.m.; ex-Tokyo, Shanghai: 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 1.15 p.m.
CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 1.45 p.m., 6 p.m.; ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12 noon, 1.30 p.m., 3.50 p.m., 4.55 p.m., 6.10 p.m.; ex-Hofhow via Canton: 7 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.
CATC ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 3 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 12.30 p.m.; ex-Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 5 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

AIR FRANCE for Hanoi: 7 a.m.
CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m.; Canton: 9.05 a.m., 9.55 a.m., 11.25 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.05 p.m., 4.50 p.m.; Foochow via Amoy: 9 a.m.; Shanghai: 9 a.m., 1.45 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai via Canton, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Amoy: 7 a.m.
CPA for Manila: 2.30 p.m.; Singapore via Bangkok: 7 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 3.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 1.30 p.m.
CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m.; Canton: 9.05 a.m., 9.55 a.m., 11.25 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.05 p.m., 4.50 p.m.; Foochow via Canton: 9 a.m.; Shanghai: 9 a.m., 1.45 p.m.
CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Kunming: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
PAA for Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.
BOAC for Singapore: 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m.; Canton: 9.05 a.m., 9.55 a.m., 11.25 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.05 p.m., 4.50 p.m.; Hofhow: 9 a.m.; San Francisco via Shanghai, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 9 a.m.; Shanghai: 9 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 3 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai via Canton, Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Canton: 3.15 p.m.
CPA for Manila: 3.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.; Manila: 11 a.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 2 p.m.; Manila: 4 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu: 10 a.m.
BOAC for Bangkok, Southampton: 8.45 a.m.; for Shanghai: 10 a.m.

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MONDAY, APRIL 4
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tsingtao; Airmail for Kunming and Linchow; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipeh, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Alexandria (Nairobi Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, Kowloon GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 5.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 3.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Hofhow and Pakhoi (via Hofhow), Noos, Shanghai, USA, Canada, Central and South America (via San Francisco), (No Parcels for Canada), (Parcel and Reg.) 12.30 p.m., (Ord.) 1 p.m.
Saigon and Calcutta, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, 1 p.m.

TODAY

DELAPUR (Everett) ex-Shanghai.
FENGTIEN (B & S) ex-Shanghai.
JESSE LYKES (APL) ex-Galveston via Japan.
NEWCHANG (B & S) ex-Pusan.
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TOMORROW

DAYBEAM (BI) ex-Japan.
DENBIGHSHIRE (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits.
PRES. BUCHANAN (APL) ex-Los Angeles.

Departures

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

HAI TAI (CMSN) for Haiphong.
HUPEH (B & S) for Ipchon.
KING'S CANYON (Gallos) for Manila.
PRES. CLEVELAND (APL) for Shanghai
SEA SERPENT (USL) for Okinawa.
STRAAT MALAKKA (RIL) for Manila.
TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.
VAN HEUTSZ (RIL) for Straits.

TODAY

CHOYSANG (Jardine) for Tientsin.
ESANG (Jardine) for Saimun.
PRES. MADISON (APL) for San Francisco.
JULIA LUCKENBACH (USL) for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
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TOMORROW

HAI LIEH (CMSN) for Singapore.
JESSE LYKES (APL) for Takao.
KWEIYANG (Jardine) for Swatow.

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ARNOLD MAERSK (Jebsen) A1
ASTYANAX (B & S) ..... Holt's Wh.
ATALANTI (Dodwell) ..... Taiwan
BUSHWOOD (Mc Mc) ..... K. Dock
CANON BAR (Grimble) ..... Yaumati
CECIL G. SALLARS (Mollers) A11
CHIEN MEN (Ming Sun) ..... K. Dk.
CLOVERLOCK (Yick Yuen) ..... T. Dk.
ESANG (Jardine) ..... West Pt.
FILESJELL (B & S) ..... K. Bay
FIREBIRD (SE Asia) ..... S.S. Po
FOO YU (HKE) ..... SC
FOOCHOW (B & S) ..... T. Dk.
FUKWANG (APC) ..... P. Offer
GEMA (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
HAI LEE (Thoresen) B9
HAI TIEN (CMSN) A12
HAITAN (Douglas) ..... K. Dk.
HAIYANG (Douglas) ..... Yaumati
HANGSANG (Jardine) A13
HANYANG (B & S) B14
HAVEN (B & S) ..... K. Dk.
HONG SHAN (Wilfred Lee) .. Yaumati
HUMEN (Dodwell) ..... Yaumati
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INCHWELLS (Williamson) .... Yaumati
IRIS (Mow Fat Hong) ..... SS Po
JULIA LUCKENBACH (USL) A10
KIANG YONG (Gilman) ..... Yaumati
KINGS BOROUGH (Dodwell) .. N. Pt
LISIN (Jin Pin Co.) ..... Yaumati
LUNG MEN (Ming Sung) .... K. Dk.
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MOW LIN (Wheelock) ..... SS Po
NGO WEI (CMSN) ..... SS Po
NOREVERETT (Everett) B10
NORTH WEST (Yick Yuen) .. Yaumati
POLTAVA (Wallem) ..... T. Dk
PROSPER (Yen Tai Hong) ... Yaumati
REAEL (RIL) ..... T. Dk.
SELMA SALEN (W. Hunt) A11
SHENGKING (B & S) ..... T. Dk
SINKIANG (B & S) B14
SKAUVANN (Hunt) A10
ST. MICHEL (Mess. Mari.) ..... T. Dk.
STANVAC 311 (Socony) .... Laichkok
SURPRISE (USL) ..... T. Dk.
SZECHUEN (B & S) ..... T. Dk.
TAI PO SHAN (Shun Chong). Yaumati
TAICHUNGSHAN (Jebsen) .... SS Po
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TING CHU ..... Yaumati
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YUNG HAO (KD) ..... K. Dk.

VESSELS DUE FROM

SOUTH AFRICA

	April
BOISSEVAIN (RIL)	9
	June
TEGELBERG (RIL)	20

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

	April
AGAMENON (B & S) ex-New York	23
ALMERIA LYKES (APL) ex-Galveston via Japan and Shanghai	12
BENARES (Rama) via Los Angeles	28
COLARADO (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver	9
DONA AURORA (Rama)	19
HOPEVILLE (Thoresen)	27
HOWELL LYKES (APL) ex-Galveston via Japan	29
INDIA MAIL (Everett)	18
IRLAND MAIL (Everett)	15
JESSE LYKES (APL) ex-Galveston via Japan and Shanghai	4
LAURA MAERSK (Jebsen)	27
MATHEW LUCKENBACH (Courtis) ex-New York	71
PADUCAN VICTORY (USL)	27
PIONEER BAY (USL) ex-New York	21
PIONEER MAIL (USL) ex-New York	23
PRES. HARRISON (APL) ex-Baltimore	21
STEEL TRAVELLER (Gilman)	18
TALISMAN (Dodwell)	End
TITANIA (Dodwell)	Early
TUDOR (Dodwell)	End
	May
FERNCAPE (Thoresen)	3
FERNHILL (Thoresen)	6
GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen)	15
PIONEER DALE (USL) ex-New York	18
PIONEER MAIL (USL) ex-New York	16
PRES. JOHNSON (APL) ex-Baltimore	19
	June
FERNBAY (Thoresen)	6
FERNSIDE (Thoresen)	16
PRES. FILLMORE (APL) ex-Baltimore	16
ROSEVILLE (Thoresen)	2

PACIFIC COAST

	April
ARCADIA VICTORY (APL) ex-Los Angeles via Manila	16
ARIZONA (Dodwell) ex-Los Angeles, San Francisco	18
DOUGAINVILLE (Bank)	21
FLYING DRAGON (USL) ex-San Francisco	24
GEN. MEIGS (APL) ex-San Francisco	9
JULIA LUCKENBACH (USL) ex-San Francisco	8
LIGHTNING (USL) ex-San Francisco	14
MONGABARRA (Wallem)	9
PIONEER BAY (USL) ex-New York	13
PRES. BUCHANAN (APL) ex-Los Angeles	5
PRES. HARDING (APL) ex-Los Angeles	29
PRES. PIERCE (APL) ex-San Francisco via Manila	15
PRES. VAN BUREN (APL) ex-Los Angeles	15
TANTARA (East Asiatic)	May
OREGON (Dodwell)	22
PRES. JOHNSON (APL) ex-San Francisco	6
PRES. JEFFERSON (APL) ex-Los Angeles	13
GREAT REPUBLIC (USL) ex-San Francisco	20
TAITAM (East Asiatic) ..... 2nd half	

AUSTRALIA

	April
AROS (Dodwell)	27
BALRICHISTAN (Jardine)	16
CHANGTE (B & S)	19
SHANSI (B & S)	21
NELLORE (E & A)	End

CHINA

	April
DELAPUR (Everett) ex-Shanghai	4
EASTERN (E & A) ex-Shanghai and Japan	15
FENGTIEN (B & S) ex-Shanghai	4
HUNAN (B & S) ex-Tientsin	9/10
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TREVINCE (P & O) ex-Shanghai and Japan	19
TSINAN (B & S) ex-Swatow	6
WINGSANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	4 & 16

EUROPE

	April
ANTENOR (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	26
ASTYANAX (B. & S) ex-UK via Straits	2
BENMACDHUI (Loxley) ex-UK via Singapore ..... 1st half	
BENWYVIS (Loxley) ex-UK via Singapore ..... 2nd half	
CALCHAS (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	14
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CHAMPOLLION (MM) ex-Marseilles	19
DENBIGHSHIRE (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	5
EUMAEUS (B & S) ex-UK via Straits and Manila	10
GLENROY (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	16
GLENARTNEY (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	26
HALLAND (Gilman)	21
KAMBODIA (KA)	Mid
MARIEKIRK (RIL)	8
MORTAIN (MM)	25
STANTOR (B & S) ex-UK	20
TALADOT (Thoresen)	Mid
TREWELLARD (P & O) ex-London	13
TYNDAREUS (B & S) ex-UK via Straits and Manila	9
	May
CARTHAGE (P & O) ex-London	9
GLENORCHY (Jardine) ex-London	14
GLENEARN (Jardine) ex-London	28
KOREA (EA)	Mid
LT DE LA TOUR (MM) ex-Europe	Beg. Early
MOLENKERK (RIL)	3
SOCROTA (P & O) exLondon	End
STE MERE EGLISE (MM)	End
TANARA (Gilman)	June
TAMERLANE (Thoresen)	End
	June
BLANKVANN (EA)	Mid
BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-London	12
CORFU (P & O) ex-London	5
MEERKERK (RIL)	Early
OLUF MAERSK (Gilman)	Early
	July
CANTON (P & O) ex-London	4
HEIMSKERK (RIL)	Early
TRANQUEBAR (EA)	Mid
	August
CORFU (P & O) ex-London	29

INDIA

	April
RICHMOND HILL (BI) ex-Bombay	27
SANGOLA (BI) ex-Calcutta	29
TAIREA (BI) ex-Calcutta via Straits	27
	May
SHIRALA (BI) ex-Calcutta	2

JAPAN

	April
DAYBEAM (BI)	5
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine)	8
FUKIEN (B & S) ex-Kobe	9
HINDUSTAN (Jardine)	12
POYANG (B & S) ex-Kobe	8
SIRDHANA (BI)	8
	May
STRAAT SOENDA (RIL)	21

SOUTH EAST PORTS

	April
BRADEVERETT (Everett) ex-Saigon	9
FLYING INDEPENDENT (Pattison) ex-Manila	15
HINSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	16
TASMAN (RIL) ex-Manila	7
VAN REIMSDUK (RIL) ex-Straits	8
TJITJALENGKA (RIL) ex-Macassar and Java ports	14
TJISADANE (RIL) ex-Macassar	25
WOSANG (Jardine) ex-Straits	9

SOUTH AMERICA

	June
TEGELBERG (RIL)	20

SAILINGS TO

SOUTH & EAST AFRICA

April
30 BOISSEVAIN (RIL).
End. MORTAIN (MM) for N. Africa.
May
Mid. LT. DE LATOUR (MM) for North Africa.
24 STRAAT SOENDA (RIL).
June
Mid. STE. MERE EGLISE (MM) for North Africa.
22 TEGELBERG (RIL).

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

April
4 PRES. TYLER (APL) for New York (direct to Pacific Coast).
9 GRETE MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.
9 PADUCAH VICTORY (USL) for New York.
10 COLORADO (Dodwell) for Vancouver
12 ALLEGHENY VICTORY (Gilman) via Panama.
14 INDIA MAIL (Everett) via Shanghai and Japan.
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16 GRETE MAERSK (Jebsen).
16 HOPEVILLE (Thoresen) via Manila and Suez.
16 ISLAND MAIL (Everett) via S'hai and Japan.
20 PRES. JOHNSON (APL) for Boston via Straits.
22 PRES. HARRISON (APL) for Boston via Straits.
23 PIONEER BAY (USL) for New York.
24 ANDREW JACKSON (Wallem) for New York.
30 BENARES (Rama).
30 CHASTINE MAERSK (Jebsen).
May
2 MAIDEN CREEK (Wallem) for New York.
5 PRES. GRANT (APL) for New York (direct to Pacific Coast).
7 FERNBAY (Thoresen).
7 FERNHILL (Thoresen).
13 PIONEER MAIL (USL) for New York.
19 DONO AURORA (Rama) via Los Angeles.
June
17 PRES. FILLMORE (APL) for Boston via Straits.

PACIFIC COAST

April
4 JULIA LUCKENBACH (USL) for San Francisco via S'hai and Japan.
4 PRES. MADISON (APL) (left Shanghai) for San Francisco via Japan.
7 VESTEROY (Wallem) for Los Angeles
9 GENERAL MEIGS (APL) for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
14 ALLEGHENY VICTORY (Gilman) for Los Angeles.
Mid. TITANIA (Dodwell) via Shanghai, Japan.
15 LIGHTNING (USL) for San Francisco.
16 PRES. PIERCE (APL) for San Francisco via Manila.
20 FARRAMATTA (Wallem) for Los Angeles.
22 ARIZONA (Dodwell) for Los Angeles, Frisco.
24 PRES. WILSON (APL) for Honolulu and San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
27 FLYING DRAGON (USL) for San Francisco.
30 BOUGAINVILLE (Bank) for Los Angeles.

May
7 GENERAL GORDON (APL) for San Francisco (via Manila and Japan).
12 GREAT REPUBLIC (USL) for San Francisco.
Mid. TALISMAN (Dodwell) via Shanghai, Japan.
Mid. TUDOR (Dodwell) via Shanghai and Japan.

AUSTRALIA

April
13 HINDUSTAN (Jardine) for Rabaul, Brisbane.
26 EASTERN (E & A) for Rabaul, Brisbane.
28 SHIANSI (B & S) for Sydney, Brisbane.
May
10 AROS (Dodwell).

CHINA

April
4 CHOYSANG (Jardine) for Tientsin.
5 KWEITANG (Jardine) for Swatow.
5 JESSE LYKES (APL) for Takao.
6 & 10 WINGSANG (Jardine) for S'hai.
7 TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.
8 SHENGKING (B & S) for Shanghai.
10 MARIEKERK (RIL) for Shanghai and Japan.
11 BRADEVERETT (Everett) for S'hai.
15 TREWELLARD (P & O) for Shanghai and Japan.
19 CHAMPOLLION (MM) for S'hai.
16 TJITJALENGKA (RIL) for Shanghai
29 TJISADANE (RIL) for Shanghai.

EUROPE

April
Early. HALLAND (Gilman) for Aden, Genoa.
7 MANCHURIA (East Asiatic) for Aden, Port Said.
8 CLYTONEUS (B & S) for Liverpool.
8 GLENGYLE (Jardine) for Aden, Port Said, Genoa.
10 BENMACDHUI (Loxley) for London.
12 EUMAEUS (B & S).
12 TREVINCE (P & O) for UK.
14 KVERNAAS (Thoresen) via Manila.
15 BENMACDHUI (Loxley) for London.
15 CANTON (P & O) for London.
20 TREVINCE (P & O) for UK and Continent.
20 CHAMPOLLION (MM) for Marseilles via Saigon.
27 BENCRUACHAN (Loxley) and Liverpool.
End BENWYVIS (Loxley) for Genoa, London.
End. MARIEKIRK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.
May
Beg. KAMBODIA (East Asiatic).
7 GLENROY (Jardine) for Aden, Genoa
10 SOCROTA (P & O) for London.
13 CARTHAGE (P & O) for London.
Mid. LT DE LA TOUR (MM) via Saigon.
Mid. MOLENKERK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.
Mid. MORTAIN (MM) for Europe.
24 ASTYANAX (B & S) for Genoa, Marseilles.
June
Beg. KOREA (East Asiatic).
9 CORFU (P & O) for London.
Mid. MEERKERK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.
Mid. STE MERE EGLISE (MM).
July
BEG. BLANKVANN (East Asiatic).
8 CANTON (P & O) for London
Mid. HEIMSKERK (RIL) via Manila.
Aug.
5 CARTHAGE (P & O) for London.
Sept.
2 CORFU (P & O) for London.

INDIA

April
7 DAYBEAM (BI) for Calcutta.
May
9 SANGOLA (BI) for Calcutta.
20 TREWELLARD (Mac Mac) for Bombay.

JAPAN

April
10 BOISSEVAIN (RIL).
12 WOSANG (Jardine).
17 ARCADIA VICTORY (APL) for Fusan, Kobe.
19 BALUCHISTAN (Jardine).
23 CHANGTE (B & S).
24 RICHMOND HILL (BI).
26 MORTAIN (MM).
29 TAIREA (BI).
30 RICHMOND HILL (Mac Mac).
May
7 SHIRALA (BI).
June
Beg. STE. MERE EGLISE (MM).

SOUTH EAST PORTS

April
4 ESANG (Jardine) for Saigon.
5 HAI LIEH (CMSN) for Singapore
6 DELAPUR (Everett) for Singapore.
6 HONG SIANG (Ho Hong) for S'pore.
6 POYANG (B & S) for Bangkok and Saigon.
7 DAYBEAM (BI) for Singapore, Penang.
9 HANGSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.
9 MAUSANG (Jardine) for Singapore and Penang.
9 PAKHOI (B & S) for Singapore.
9 ST. MICHAEL (MM) for Haiphong.
11 SIRDHANA (BI) for Straits and Rangoon.
12 FUKIEN (B & S) for Singapore.
12 STEEL TRAVELLER (Gilman) for Saigon.
13 ALMERIA LYKES (APL) for Manila
14 TJIBADAK (RIL) for Macassar.
16 PRES. VAN BUREN (APL) for Manila.
17 VAN REIMSDUK (RIL) for Straits.
20 EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) for Straits.
20 TREVINCE (P & O) for Straits.
22 SUNNYVILLE (Bank) for Singapore.
23 PIONEER BAY (USL) for Manila.
24 PIONEER MAIL (USL) for Manila.
28 TJITJALENGKA (RIL) for Macassar
29 HIRAM (Thoresen) for Singapore.
30 PRES. HARDING (APL) for Manila.
End. TALISMAN (Dodwell) for Manila.
May
2 SANGOLA (BI) for Straits.
12 TJISADANE (RIL) for Java ports.
14 PRES. JEFFERSON (APL) for Manila.
Mid. RICHMOND HILL (Mac Mac) for Singapore.
19 PIONEER DALE (USL) for Manila.

SOUTH AMERICA

April
30 BOISSEVAIN (RIL).
May
24 STRAAT SOENDA (RIL).

ROUND-THE WORLD

April
4 PRES. BUCHANAN (APL).
14. PRES. HARDING (APL).
18 PRES. VAN BUREN (APL).
May
3 PRES. VAN BUREN (APL).
14 PRES. JEFFERSON (APL).
24 MARINE SNAPPER (APL).
June
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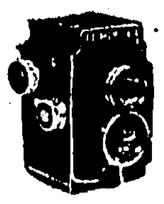

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KMB Wins First Division Soccer Over St. Joseph's

There were no surprising results in any of the four First Division soccer games played yesterday, but in the Second Division, Royal Navy created a record when they scored 17 times against WD Chinese without response.

The First Division game between St. Joseph's and Kowloon Motor Bus on the Club Ground at Happy Valley ended in a win for the busmen by three goals to one.

At Boundary Street, Chinese AA, who are running neck to neck with Kowloon Motor Bus for the runners-up position, beat South China "B" by three goals to one.

Army beat Eastern by five goals to three in a somewhat dull game at Causeway Bay, while Kit Chee, fielding several reserves, accounted for Police by five goals to three at Caroline Hill.

Solicitors' again brought off another upset in the Second Division when they scored a well-merited win over Army HK, whom they beat by six goals to five.

An unusual incident took place during this game, there being a change of referees at half-time.

St. Joseph's 1—KMB 3

The St. Joseph's defence played a grand game throughout and more than held its own against the fast moving Kowloon Motor Bus forwards, who found goal scoring no easy matter.

MacDougall, who played in goal for the Saints, gave a really masterly performance and was repeatedly applauded for the brilliant manner in which he dealt with the most difficult of shots.

Rocha and Tam, the two backs, played a sound game, while in the intermediate line, Leonard, ably assisted by Santos and Rumjahn, was a tower of strength. Time and again the KMB forwards broke through, only to be robbed of the ball by the fast tackling Leonard, who asked no quarter and granted none.

The one weakness of the Saints was in the forward line, where Leek, Xavier and Omar gave only a mediocre display. The most aggressive forwards were Pereira and Castilho, who never gave up trying and were a continual source of worry to the Chinese defence.

Tam Kwan-kon, the KMB custodian, had a fairly easy afternoon. He dealt capably with all shots which came his way and in the first half distinguished himself by saving two very good efforts by Leek, the ball on both occasions being turned round the upright for fruitless corners.

KMB Backs And Half Backs

The KMB backs and half-backs played a good game from start to finish and apart from holding the opposing forwards in check, kept their own attack on the move with well-directed passes.

Tang Yee-kit, the KMB leader, was a trier throughout but found Leonard a stumbling block in his way. Li Chun-fat and Chau Man-chi were a wily pair, while of the wingers, Lee Tai-fai was the more impressive.

The game started off with the Saints taking the ball well into the KMB end of the field, but all hopes of an early goal faded when Omar centred weakly and enabled the KMB defence to clear their lines.

The ball was then transferred to the St. Joseph's end and for a greater part of the first half, the game resolved itself into a dour struggle between the KMB attack and the St. Joseph's defence.

The KMB forwards, assisted by their half backs, swarmed over the St. Joseph's defence and did everything but score, the magnificent goalkeeping of MacDougall and the robust tackling of the St. Joseph's defenders thwarting all attempts to score.

The Saints broke away occasionally, but there was a definite lack of understanding between the forwards, with the result that passes were more often than not intercepted by the alert KMB defenders.

KMB took the lead following an all-out attack on the St. Joseph's goal. MacDougall had saved a hard shot in fine style and was still on the ground when Li Chun-fat beat the defenders to the ball and placed it to the back of the net with a hard drive.

Leek Has Hard Luck

The Saints attack came into prominence with several raids and on two occasions Leek had hard luck with two very good shots, both of which were deflected by Tam Kwan-kon for fruitless corners.

Before the interval, KMB went further ahead when Tang Yee-kit netted with a header following a corner kick.

The second half was more evenly contested, with the Saints enjoying a fair share of the attacking.

Following a series of raids on the KMB goal, the Saints forced a corner. From the resultant corner kick, which was well taken by Rumjahn, Castilho rushed up and scored with a powerful header which gave Tam Kwan-kon no chance.

This goal served to encourage the Saints to greater efforts, but the lack of cohesion on the part of their forwards resulted in many scoring chances being thrown away.

An attack on the St. Joseph's goal saw the referee award a penalty against the Saints for an infringement by Leonard.

Lee Tai-fai was entrusted with the spot kick and made no mistake with a powerful shot to the right hand corner of the net.

The final whistle came with KMB winners by three goals to one.

St. Joseph's: MacDougall, Rocha, Tam, Santos, Leonard, Santos, Xavier, Castilho, Leek, Pereira and Omar.

KMB: Tam Kwan-kon, Mak Lam-fuk, Tam Chun-fai, Tang Sun, Hung Hing-yuk, Fung Kwan-sing, Lee Tai-fai, Li Chun-fat, Tang Yee-kit, Chau Man-chi and Tam Woon-cheung.

Kit Chee 5—Police 3

Kit Chee fielded four reserves for this match and these players, who had taken part in an earlier Second Division game, were evidently feeling the strain and could hardly control the ball at the start.

The Police, who were also not at full strength, completely overran Kit Chee in the opening stages of the game, but erratic shooting on the part of their forwards prevented them from scoring.

From a break-through, Kit Chee drew first blood when Yit Cheuk-yin netted with a crashing shot.

This goal gave Kit Chee the required tonic and they began to have the better of the exchanges. Within five minutes from the scoring of the first goal, Chiu Foo placed Kit Chee further ahead when he connected a pass from Weng King-chung and sent in a powerful shot, the ball striking the crossbar before rebounding into the net.

Chiu Foo came into the limelight again when he cleverly eluded the opposing defence and made a bee-line for goal. He was brought down by Howlett just outside the penalty area and from the resultant free kick, he netted with a fast ground shot to give Kit Chee a clear three goal lead.

A Spot Kick

Gordon, who was playing in defence, then went to the inside right position and immediately took the ball into the Kit Chee area. Yau Wah-hing had the misfortune to handle the ball inside the penalty area and from the spot kick, Yuen Yiu-lam netted to reduce Kit Chee's lead.

On resumption, the pace of the game slackened considerably and although end to end play took place, there was no scoring until the 25th minute of this half.

A free kick awarded to Kit Chee just outside the Police penalty area was taken by Chiu Foo, who again scored with a shot similar to that of the one he sent in during the first half.

Shortly afterwards, Yiu Cheuk-yin scored the fifth and last goal for Kit Chee.

Undaunted by the score, Police retaliated strongly and were rewarded when Chan On-yin and Gordon each scored a goal just before time.

Kit Chee: Sammy Tsang, Yu Wah-hing, Kwok Ying-yin, Lee Ping-chiu, Tsang Chi-ping, Lo Wai-kuen, Hau Sing-kung, Wu Chiu-chung, Chiu Foo, Yiu Cheuk-yin and Wong King-chung.

Police: Abbas, Fung Kai-ming, Ho Shing, Gordon, Howlett, Collaco, Ng Wai, Fung Kwong-fat, Chan On-yin, Yuen Yiu-lam and Lau Pak-hung.

Eastern 3—Army 5

Eastern fielded several of their junior players but nevertheless gave a good account of themselves.

Army proved to be the better team and did most of the attacking.

Right from the start, Army swept down on Eastern's goal and Lam Tak-po cleared a dangerous situation. Army continued to press and were soon rewarded when Marsden gave them the lead with a hard drive from close range.

Except for spasmodic raids, Eastern were kept on the defensive. Receiving a through pass from Marsden, Brown scored with a daisy cutter to increase the lead to two goals. West brought the score to three when he beat the goalie with a good shot.

Before the interval Eastern reduced the lead through Wong Pak-hung.

After the breather Army kept on attacking and Lam Tak-po had the misfortune to deflect a shot into his own goal. West put the Army score to five when he netted a nice goal.

Wong Pak-hung scored again to reduce the Army lead and before the end, Li Ding-ki crowned a good afternoon's work by netting the last goal.

Excellent Support

For the Army, Anderson in goal was steady and was given excellent support by McGrath, Craighead at right half was a tower of strength and kept his forwards on the move with well-directed passes.

Brown on the right wing showed plenty of speed and was a continual source of worry to the opposition.

Woods was a dashing leader and was well supported by Marsden. West at inside right was a great schemer and worked hard.

Lam Tak-po proved a stumbling block to the Army's forwards. He was in fact the best player on the Chinese team.

Li Ding-ki worked hard at centre half and was all over the field.

Lau Fook-chuen showed plenty of speed and Wong Pak-hung gave him adequate support.

Army: Anderson, Robinson, McGrath; Craighead, Hughes, Surtees; Brown, West, Woods, Marsden and Ramskill.

Eastern: Yeung Bun, Kong Sing-king, Lam Tak-po; Tang Tai-chuen, Li Ding-ki, Lau Yee-kung; Chan Chuk-kwong, Wong Pak-hung, Cheng Yun-kee, Lau Fook-chuen and Chu Mui-loong.

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Chinese AA 3—S. China "B" 1

Chinese AA were the better team and fully deserved to win. Throughout the game, South China "B" were constantly at the mercy of their opponents and would have lost by a much larger margin were it not for their Choy Kin-chung, who saved numerous deadly shots.

At the end of the first half the score stood at two to one in favour of Chinese AA.

Lui Shu-ping of Chinese AA who previously failed to impress as inside right played a remarkable game yesterday when he took up the position of left full back. It was he who was responsible for keeping the South China forwards in check. Also playing a good game was Lo Wah-shing, whose dribbling of the ball and perfect passes were applauded by the crowd.

Five minutes after the game started, Lo carried the leather to the South China goalmouth, his final effort just missing the mark. Seven minutes later he was again in action but again failed to open the scoring.

The ice was finally broken at the 25th minute when Chin Chi-fun, Chinese AA's right wing penetrated to the goal area and put the leather neatly into the net. However, the score was immediately equalised by Tong Sheung, outside left of South China, who netted from a penalty.

It did not take long for Chinese AA to lead again. Five minutes after the score was equalised, Ho Yau-ki, outside left scored with a header.

South China's Goalie

During the second half South China's goalie, without whom his team might have gone down to a heavier defeat scored at least 10 deadly shots. Shortly before the game was over Kwok Cheuk-cheong managed to score another goal for Chinese AA to bring the final tally up to three goals to one.

CAA: Lau Wing-chung, Li Pink-ham, Lui Shu-ping, Chan Kam-pui, Mou Chung-wing, Leung Ping-sum, Kwok Cheuk-cheong, Chin Chi-fan, Lo Wah-shing, Ho Yau-ki and Chan Hing-chung.

S. China "B": Choy Kin-chung, Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Shek-ching, Chung Fook-luen, Sin Yan-sang, Leung Seung-tak, Ko Po-keung, Lee Yuk-tak, Chan Tak-fai, Au Chi-yin and Tong Seung.

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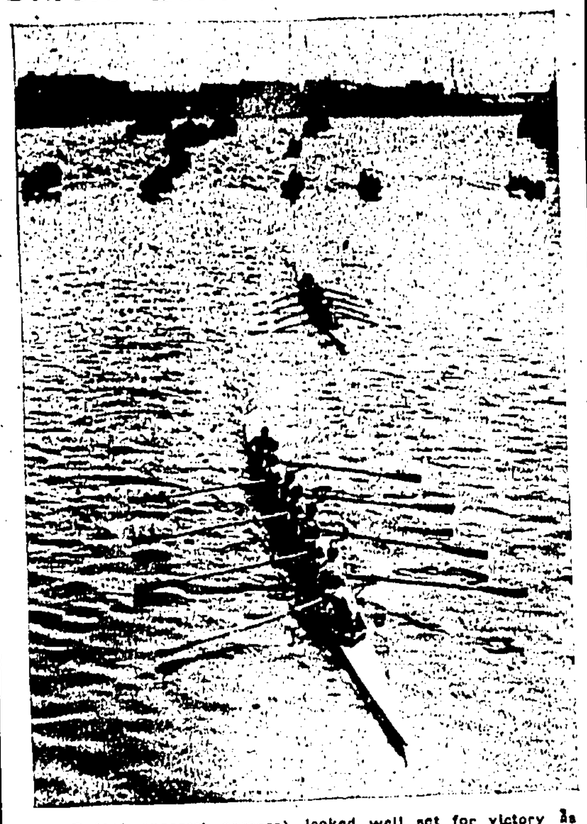
RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION			
St. Joseph's	1	KM Bus	3
Kit Chee	5	Police	3
Eastern	3	Army	5
Chinese AA	3	S. China 'B'	1
SECOND DIVISION			
South China	1	Kit Chee	2
Navy	17	WD Chinese	0
St. Joseph's	2	Tramways	5
KM Bus	3	Taikoo	0
Army HK	5	Solicitors'	6
*Dockyard	v	Army Kln.	

* This game was not played as the referee failed to turn up.

Oxford Lead At Hammersmith



Oxford (nearest camera) looked well set for victory as they led Cambridge 1½ lengths at Hammersmith Bridge in the Varsity Boat Race from Putney to Mortlake in a ding-dong struggle for supremacy. (Associated Press photo).

HKCC Win Hancock Shield Match Against KCC

Hong Kong Cricket Club won their Hancock Shield match against Kowloon Cricket Club by the comfortable margin of ten wickets when the game, continued from Saturday, was concluded at Chater Road yesterday.

At the close of play on Saturday, the home team were 55 runs behind with six wickets in hand, Kilbee (23) and Rowe (4) being the not outs.

Both batsmen settled down to play good cricket as soon as play commenced yesterday. Kilbee in particular bringing off some delightful shots all round the wicket. Rowe had added 20 to his overnight score when he was stumped by Webb off Hart-Baker, but Alec Pearce, HKCC captain and Newton both struck good form, scoring 33 and 31 respectively.

In the meanwhile Kilbee had brought his not out score of 23 to 51 before he was lbw against Robbie Lee.

Thanks to the generous contribution of 34 by "Mr. Extras" the HKCC total was brought up to 229 when the last wicket fell, thus giving them a first innings lead of 98 runs.

Stepto, who had taken all four wickets that fell on Saturday, was again in good form yesterday and he captured another three wickers for an additional 36 runs, his final analysis being 22.4-3-68-7.

How Kowloon Fared

Kowloon fared even worse in their second innings, this time being dismissed for 110 runs. Rowe, who took seven for 35 on the previous day, got another four wickets yesterday, these costing him 41 runs to bring his analysis for the match to 11 for 76—indeed a very creditable performance.

Alec Pearce also found a length and pegged away steadily to return the best analysis for the day, namely five for 19.

HKCC needed but 13 runs to win when they went in for the second time and they had no difficulty in getting them, only two overs being required for them to win. Stepto opened the bowling and in his first and only over conceded eight runs, and then Robbie Lee went on and was hit for 16 in his six balls to give Club their win.

Scores were:

K.C.C. 1st Innings 131

H.K.C.C. 1st Innings

L.F. Stokes, b Stepto	2
O.J. Kerr, lbw b Stepto	3
N.R. Oliver, b Stepto	31
E.W. Franklin, b Stepto	1
L.D. Kilbee, lbw b Lee	51
G.T. Rowe, st. Webb, b Hart Baker	24
T.A. Pearce, b Stepto	33
H.M. Newton, c Barrow, b Stepto	31
R.S. Cull, lbw b Lee	10
W.L. Howard, b Stepto	2
T.P. Mahon, not out	0
Extras	34
Total	229

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Stepto	22.4	3	68	7
Taylor	8	0	25	0
Lee	20	2	53	2
Davidson	7	1	32	0
Hart Baker	1	0	6	1
Barrow	2	0	11	0

(*Bowled four wides)

K.C.C. 2nd Innings

E.C. Fincher, b Cull	9
W.M. Davidson, b Pearce	12
T.A. Madar, c Cull, b Rowe	8
A. Zimmern, b Rowe	0
W.D.M. Webb, c Howard, b Pearce	1
N. Hart Baker, b Pearce	4
R.E. Lee, b Rowe	5
A. Stepto, not out	13
J. Barrow, b Rowe	2
G.E. Taylor, c Franklin, b Pearce	27
V.C. Bond, c Kerr, b Pearce	10
Extras	15
Total	110

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Mahon	5	2	10	0
Cull	5	0	14	1
Rowe	9	1	41	4
Pearce	9.2	0	19	5
Kerr	1	0	11	0

H.K.C.C. 2nd Innings

W.L. Howard, not out	14
R.W. Franklin, not out	10
Extras	4
Total (for 0 wkts.)	28

L. F. Stokes, O. J. Kerr, N.R. Oliver, L.D. Kilbee, G.T. Rowe, T.A. Pearce, H.M. Newton, R.S. Cull and T.P. Mahon did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Stepto	1	0	8	0
Lee	1	0	16	0

Club De Recreio Stands At Top In Hockey Games

(By "KIMBERLEY")

Club de Recreio now stand in an unassailable position at the top in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Fixtures, after their game against the YMCA yesterday, which they won by three goals to nil.

The "Young Men" stood up gallantly against the champions and with a fine display never before seen in their hockey this season, held Recreio to a 1-0 first half.

Army fought closer to the runners-up berth yesterday by defeating Dutch Hockey Club at Sookunpoo by four goals to one. They now have a two-point lead over their closest rival, Royal Navy which in turn hold a similar lead over Khalsa.

Interest in local hockey will now be centred on the race for the second - to - the - champions' position with all three teams, Army, Navy and Khalsa having two games in hand to complete the fixtures.

Civil Service, with Ernie Fowler back in the fold after some three week's absence from the field, snatched a narrow victory from Cable and Wireless which were favoured to win. Khalsa gathered full points against Dockyard.

Hero of the field in the Recreio-YMCA affair was Robert Marques, the Champions' tricky left-in who displayed brilliant stick-work from the start to score the morning's hat-trick.

Play was unexpectedly bright With the highest matched with the lowest, who could help but think it would be an altogether one sided affair?

But it didn't turn out that way. YMCA rushed through from the first bully to shock Recreio with some clever manoeuvres in their forward line.

Recreio took some 10 minutes to ward off these persistent attacks which were obviously meant to cause as much damage as early as possible.

The "Young Men" failed to persevere, however, gave way to the first counter move by the swift Recreio forward line, with Willie Reed at Centre half, playing for his team to score first.

They succeeded. In three speedy movements Recreio was in the lead.

Reed stopped a "Y" forward at the centre line, rushed up a little, then flicked a long pass to the wing who centred beautifully with Robert Marques receiving just inside the dee to bang it in, beating the goalie completely.

YMCA On Defence

YMCA fell back on the defence and never again ventured to take the initiative for the remainder of the first half, defending successfully against the full power of the menacing Recreio forwards.

The "Young Men" began the second part of the game with another quick attempt to score. The full weight of the YMCA was concentrated upon the centre which was unfortunate. They would have done better to swing the play down in the region of either wing.

Blocking off a number of concentrated thrusts, Guterres' Recreio's centre forward, fed with a pass from the halves, dashed through distributing the ball to Marques and the wing until they were within striking distance, when Marques scored for the second time.

Play continued at a fast and furious pace, with both sides heading for the posts, Marques breezed through again to net for the last time about 10 minutes before the whistle.

It was a grand victory for Recreio more so because they had to fight for it. The YMCA team is definitely heading upwards in hockey.

The Khalsa-Dockyard game was a nice one too, but Khalsa was clearly the superior. Some excellent saves were effected by Khalsa's goalie, M. Singh, who made an unusually splendid save three minutes before the end when Dockyard, pressing to the last, had all Khalsa but the goalie Singh beaten. The ball flew from a perfect connection and rose knee high.

Singh tried to stop it with his pads but had ball deflected. It headed into the side of the goal when Singh, with the attackers rushing in, jumped high and kicked the ball away. Ordinarily a goalie would use his stick and that would have been sure trouble!

Full results of yesterday's games:

Recreio	3	YMCA	0
Khalsa	2	Dockyard	0
C and W	1	Civil Ser.	2
Army	4	Dutch H. C.	1

NZ TEAM TO VISIT UK

Southampton, April 3.

The first New Zealand Cricket team to tour England since 1937 arrived in the "Dominion Monarch."

Later the New Zealand party left by train for London, which will be the headquarters of the team during its four months' stay in England.

The New Zealanders, regarded as a strong attractive batting side, will play England in four three-day test matches.

The first begins at Leeds on June 7; the second at Lords on June 25; the third at Manchester on July 23 and the last at the Oval in August.—Associated Press.

VOWS TO BEAT DAVE SANDS

London, April 3.

Tommy Yarosz of Pennsylvania vows to puncture the great Dave Sands' boom in a 10-round bout at Harringay arena, London, on Monday.

Sands, so the story goes in London, ran out of foes in Australia, where he holds the middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight championships.

The 23-year-old Australian's record shows 51 knock-outs in 78 bouts. Sands is a natural light heavyweight and promoter Jack Solomons could not have imported a better American to test him. Yarosz ranks among the best in the United States at that weight. He has won seven of his eight bouts since Ray Arcel started managing him last October.

There will be another big fight in the British Isles on Tuesday when, at Belfast, Rinty Monaghan defends his world flyweight championship in a 15-round bout against Maurice Sandeyron of France. Sands' title will not be at stake. He and Yarosz will be fighting as light heavyweight.—Associated Press.

Around The Clubs

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the only club in the Colony, to have three greens was founded in 1900 in Kimberley Road. In 1904 the Club was shifted to Austin Road and its first President was Mr. Willie Ramsay.

The present Club was opened in 1926 and its extension was opened by the late Sir Athol MacGregor in 1939. The third green of the club was laid in 1940.

Mr. D. F. Warren donated the Attaboy Shield to the Club in 1930.

During the occupation the Club was used by the Japanese as an innoculation centre and was taken over by the British after the liberation. The Club was handed back to Mr. R. P. Phillips by the Military Authorities on February 20, 1946.

Four members of the Club in 1918 paid an unofficial visit to Shanghai for interport bowls, known as the "Big Four." They were D. Harvey, C. Bond, W. Gerrard and W. Russel. Mr. Gerrard has represented the Colony on subsequent years. Others chosen to represent the Colony were D. Gow, R. Hall, A. M. Holland, J. Fraser, H. Hampton, R. S. Nichol, L. Guy, J. McKelvie, A. J. Hall and L. Sykes.

The Club won the First Division League on three occasions, the Second four times and the Third once.

W. Russell won the Singles title on two occasions and the late Mr. A. M. Holland twice. R. Duncan was successful once.

R. Duncan and S. Randle won the open pairs in 1936 and L. A. K. Duncan and R. Duncan runners-up in 1935 and T. E. Robson and E. Nish in 1939.

P. T. Farrel, R. Duncan, J. C. Brown and A. M. Holland (skip) won the Open Rinks 1935; L. Sykes, W. McNeill, R. Duncan and A. J. Hall (skip) in 1941 and H. F. Shields, C. Dowman, S. Randle and A. J. Hall (skip) in 1947.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL GAMES

New York, April 3.

Exhibition baseball games:

St. Louis (American) 4, Chicago (National) 5.

Brooklyn (National 9, Fort Worth (Texas League) 3.

Chicago (American) 4, New York (National) 5, 10 innings.

Boston (American) 2, St. Louis (National) 1.

New York (American) 3, Detroit (American) 0.

Boston (National) 6, Cincinnati (National) 8.

Pittsburgh (National) 5, Cleveland (American) 3.—Associated Press.

VISITING TEAM WIN AGAIN

The visiting Canton National University Basketball team continued in winning vein yesterday when they beat Kowloon Chinese YMCA 39-36.

In their first game here on Friday last, the Canton Cagers beat Black Cats 37-34. On Saturday they overcome Kung Man, the Kowloon Champions, 29-34.

This evening, they will meet South China at Caroline Hill, at 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

The following are the results of last night's games in the Hong Kong Basketball League:

Chinese Reporters 56 Black Cat 41

Kln. Chinese YMCA 48 Swatow Overseas 36

LADIES SECTION

Kln. Chinese YMCA 12 Chinese YMCA 11

WOMEN'S HOCKEY GAME

Manchester, April 2.

England beat Ireland by three goals to nil in a women's international hockey match here today.

The scorers were Miss Ann Eyre (2) and Mrs. Russell Vick.—Reuter.

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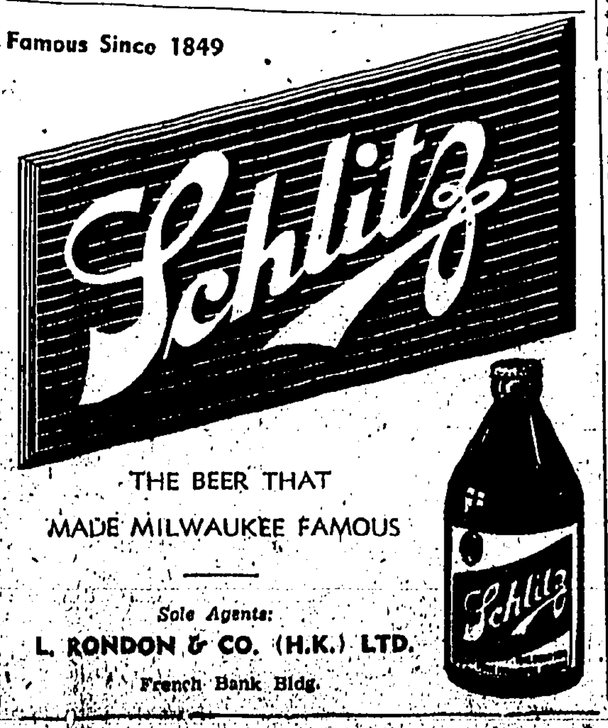

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